

Children's Home Society of NC provides a continuum of care for children and families in transition through education, foster care, and adoption services, creating strong, healthy families and communities.

MISSION

To promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family.

VISION

To be a leader in transforming families and communities so children can thrive.

CORE VALUES

Compassion.

Integrity.

Excellence.

Innovation.



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**THERAPEUTIC
FOSTER CARE**



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Therapeutic foster care is considered a form of mental health treatment. It is a temporary placement in a licensed treatment foster home for children and teens having difficulty functioning within their own families, schools, or communities. These children may have cognitive (reasoning or related-to-thought processes) or behavioral problems, developmental delays, aggressive behaviors, and often need support and supervision to help manage their health, welfare, and safety.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A SUCCESSFUL THERAPEUTIC FOSTER PARENT?

- Patience
- Persistence
- Flexibility
- Consistency
- Calm in the midst of stress
- Ability to be a team player
- Good stress management skills
- A good support system of friends, extended family, etc.
- Good communication skills
- A sense of humor

Therapeutic foster parents complete 30 hours of basic pre-service training and 10 hours of additional training specifically related to therapeutic foster care. In addition, therapeutic foster parents complete training in Substance Abuse and its Effects on Families and Adolescents, Crisis Intervention, and Working with Emotionally Disturbed Children. These are required during the first year of licensure. Licensing requirements include a fire inspection, environmental inspection, physical exams, and criminal record checks, references, and sharing about your family.

Therapeutic foster parents licensed with CHS receive a great deal of support and attention to enable them to do the best possible job of caring for a child. Along with excellent training and skilled supervision, therapeutic foster parents with CHS receive competitive compensation, activities, and 24-hour emergency support services.

If you are interested in becoming a therapeutic foster parent, please call CHS for more information at 1-800-632-1400. You can make a positive difference in the life of a child through our Therapeutic Foster Care program.