

Connections – Treatment Foster Care Program Description

The Connections Child Placement Agency specializes in providing 24/7 salaried treatment foster care services. Treatment foster care offers enhanced foster care services for youth with exceptional needs through additional case management and therapeutic support. Youth with emotional, developmental, or medical disabilities are provided with appropriate out-of-home therapeutic placements and services designed to strengthen their emotional and social functioning, improve coping skills, and support overall well-being.

The primary goal of Connections Treatment Foster Care is to prevent placement in more restrictive settings whenever possible, or to support youth in stepping down to less restrictive placements when appropriate. Services are provided through the licensing of salaried treatment foster parents, who reside in homes provided by Connections, as well as through wraparound case management for treatment foster homes licensed to serve youth in their own residences.

Connections provides person-centered, 24/7 case management services, which include crisis management, individualized treatment planning, skill-building groups, access to community resources, evidence-based assessments, and support for educational and extracurricular activities.

Care is guided by Together Facing the Challenge (TFTC), an evidence-based model specifically developed for treatment foster care. All staff and treatment foster parents are trained in TFTC, ensuring a consistent, structured, and supportive approach across the program. TFTC emphasizes relationship-building, skill development, and behavior management strategies that empower foster parents and case managers to create stable, therapeutic environments. This model is especially effective in foster care, where youth benefit from clear expectations, nurturing relationships, and individualized supports that reduce placement disruptions and promote long-term success.