

Recruiting for our Families

There will always be a need for resource family foster care homes and TFI Family Services will always be challenged to encourage more Kansas families to meet the needs of our children.

It is said that the only thing constant in life, is change. It is no different for our foster care families. Often times when change occurs, it may mean we lose a resource foster care home. They may move out of state; or there may be a death, a divorce, or they retire. In some cases, a foster child is adopted by the family and they may choose to step away from foster care to help the newest family member become settled. We are constantly recruiting to match the needs of the communities we serve.

We recruit foster care families because they are the best setting for children when they have to be removed from their natural families. It allows children to continue in their development; to experience and learn by being a part of a healthy family setting and to be a part of a community. A foster family also has so much more flexibility in keeping siblings together which allow children to retain some normalcy.

TFI Family Services has grown into the state's largest sponsor of resource family foster care because of the way our support model to the family is designed. Once a foster care parent has gone through their initial training, they are then assigned their own case manager and social worker. Along with monthly support meetings within their community and newsletter, *Between Families*, foster care parents also have access to an actual case worker 24/7 for additional help when needed. Families are treated to annual training retreats, respite care, and initial and on-going training for foster care parents.

In 2007 FY, TFI Family Services had 621 foster care homes. More than 160 people were licensed through MAPP or DT training to become foster parents. We served over 900 different children through TFI foster families. And the need continues to grow.

To learn more about becoming a Resource Foster Care Parent, call (800) 279-9914 or go to www.the-farm.org for more information.



Our Resource Family Worker is great. She is there when we need her, always has a great smile...always has a working answer for ways to help with a problem.

- TFI Resource Foster Parent

TFI Family Services 

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