



Therapeutic Foster Care

Level 2 Family Type

Program Description: The Therapeutic Foster Care division of Alberta Professional Services Inc. has dedicated itself to recruiting and training strong, nurturing families who are able to foster the emotional, physical and spiritual growth for children who have become trapped in the margins of our society. Therapeutic Foster Care is provided within foster home that is licensed by the Division of Social Services. It is intensive, individualized mental health services provided to a child within a family setting, utilizing specially trained and supervised foster parents. It is a service that provides 24-hour care. Alberta Professional Services serves a wide geographic areas and contracts with a majority of the Managed Care Organizations in the state.

Philosophy: We perform our work with the belief that every child deserves a loving family that understands the challenges of growing up in today's world.

Program Goals: Our goal at Alberta is to fulfill these needs for the children we serve. We strive to provide an environment that will nurture the spirit and build self-esteem in every life we come in contact with. How do you create such an environment? You start with strong, loving families who want to help change the life and the future of a child... a child who needs a chance to break away from their dysfunctional world. Next you train that family to understand the needs of the child, the challenges and strengths of that child and then you let them meet those needs and nurture those strengths. Then you allow the power of "family" and "unconditional value" to give a child hope - to give a child a brighter future.

Service Modalities: Our treatment philosophy is simple by nature. It's a belief that all humans have the same intrinsic needs. We need to feel safe. We need to feel loved. We need a family that makes us feel valued. We need strong and reliable relationships that support our success at home and in the community. We need to be able to find goodness and value within ourselves.

Population Served: The children we serve come from various backgrounds and socioeconomic levels. Their age may range from 0-21 but their needs are basically the same. The children we serve have struggled in their environment for one reason or another.

Resources: Fees for foster care are based on the current per diem reimbursement rate for treatment established by the State's Medicaid program plus standard DSS Room and Board Payments.

CARF Accredited Service: Out-of-Home Treatment: Mental Health (Children & Adolescents)