

Wordsworth Community Placement Services

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This program provides several community placement alternatives for children and adolescents with social, emotional and/or mental health treatment and dependency needs. Wordsworth's CPS program recruits and trains Foster Parents/Families from the community to provide caring and nurturing homes for children and adolescents.

General Foster Care:

The majority of the children and adolescents in care in Philadelphia and with Wordsworth are in General Foster Care. This level of care is the temporary placement of children and youth with families outside of their own home due to abuse or neglect. The goal is to provide a safe, stable, nurturing environment. Case management services are provided to the child and the Foster Parent(s) to support the placement. Outreach efforts to the natural family is also offered to engage the family in visitation and promote parenting skills and aid in solving housing, vocational, and social difficulties. Reunification with their biological family is not always an option for foster children and in these cases our Foster Parents are strongly encouraged to consider adoption or permanent legal custodianship of the children placed in their care.

Treatment Foster Care:

Treatment Foster Care is a temporary level of care for children and adolescents with challenging behavioral and emotional problems. Intensified screening, certification and training requirements for Treatment Level Foster Parents are designed to prepare these parents for handling this special needs population. Increased therapeutic and behavioral management supports are provided to assist them. These specially trained parents become part of the treatment team working closely with Master's Level Clinicians who provide case management and therapeutic services to children with backgrounds of physical abuse or neglect.

Host Home

Host Home/CRR provides services to children and adolescents unable to live in their biological or surrogate homes and is an alternative to residential, inpatient care or a transition from either of these more restrictive settings. This level of care acknowledges the normalizing influence of family living and the potential of families to heal troubled children and their biological families. Host Home/CRR Families are primarily treatment providers, working closely with intensified agency supports, including a Master's Level Therapist, to successfully reintegrate the child with his or her biological family. Extensive pre-service and ongoing training is provided.

Qualifications and Supports

Prospective Foster Parents must be at least 21 years of age and can be single, two-parent or same gender families of all ethnicities and income levels. Foster Parents are asked to complete an application, submit to home assessments and attend training. Foster Families must demonstrate financial and emotional stability, responsibility. Foster Parents receive a daily reimbursement that helps cover the cost of food, clothing and other basic needs of children and youth in care. Medical insurance for the children is also provided. Each family or child is assigned a Case Manager who is responsible for providing support to the Foster Family. Supportive services (respite care, training, crisis lines, etc.) are also provided by Wordsworth.

Other ways you can help support children in Foster Care: -Consider becoming a Mentor or Mentor Family to a child who is no longer eligible due to age to be in the Foster Care System. -Respite Parents provide temporary care to Foster Homes when the regular Foster Parent faces an emergency situation.

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Licensing, Approvals & Accreditations

- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Licensure for Mental Health and Children, Youth and Family Programs
- Pennsylvania Department of Education Licensure for School Programs
- Medicaid Approved
- Type 50 Mental Health Services Provider
- Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Inquires should be made to:

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