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Boys & Girls Village is one of Connecticut's leading providers for professional, therapeutic "wrap around" care for at-risk children and their families. The agency offers an array of specialized, evidence-based treatment programs that include a specialized day school, outpatient clinical services, therapeutic foster care, adoption services, and sub-acute, live-in psychiatric facilities.

Operating in three locations – Milford, Bridgeport and Waterbury – Boys & Girls Village provides year-round counseling and age-appropriate clinical and educational programs to help Connecticut children and families heal, learn and grow.

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Therapeutic Foster Care Services

AT BOYS & GIRLS VILLAGE



Show them that
they matter.
Become a
foster parent.



Open your heart and home, and help change the life of a child in need. Become a therapeutic foster parent through Boys & Girls Village.

Both singles and couples can become foster parents. Eligibility requirements include that you:

- Are at least 21 years old
- Are financially self-sufficient
- Live in a house, apartment or condominium with room for a separate bed for each foster child, as well as separate rooms for children of the opposite gender
- Undergo a criminal background check
- Complete Boys & Girls Village's training to become a state-licensed foster parent

While most of our parents choose to foster full time, qualified foster parents are also needed to provide:

- Short-term respite care (as little as one weekend or week a month)
- Temporary emergency care for children who've been removed from their homes

All of the children Boys & Girls Village place are in the custody of Connecticut's Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Because every child deserves to feel safe and loved. You make the difference.

Boys & Girls Village Therapeutic Foster Care Program matches qualified foster parents with children ages 6 to 17 who are in the custody of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Some of these children have been abused or neglected. Others are working to overcome learning, behavioral or emotional problems. But all are in desperate need of the comfort, love, safety and nurturing that only a dedicated and supportive therapeutic foster family can provide.



Boys & Girls Village's experienced Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) staff provide foster parents with:

- Training needed to become a state-licensed foster parent (takes place quarterly)
- Financial support*
- Paid respite breaks
- Ongoing, in-home support
- 24/7 emergency support
- Access to special recreation, social and parent education services
- Referrals to community services
- Continuing, post-placement education
- Adoption services, when possible and desired
- A network of caring, experienced professionals dedicated to ensuring our families and children succeed

*Foster parents receive a tax-free, monthly stipend for food, clothing, childcare and other necessities. The amount is based on the level of care, age and needs of each child. DCF provides healthcare coverage.

“I think every child has limitless possibilities and true potential. With the right support and guidance, every child can succeed. The children I have had in my home have brightened my life - to help a child is truly the best gift of all.”

Judith, a single mother of two, became a therapeutic foster parent in 2003. Since then, she has positively impacted the lives of countless foster youth and helped reunify many with their biological parents. Recently, when reunification was not possible, she adopted a sibling group of four (pictured above). “Boys & Girls Village helped us become a forever family,” say the children.

To learn more about becoming a foaster parent or to ask a question, please call our Foster Care Information Line at (888) 922-5528.

Children and families who are involved in foster care services become part of the broad, diverse and comprehensive continuum of care that Boys & Girls Village provides. Programs include:



Charles F. Hayden Day School: a private, special education school with 4:1 student-teacher ratio for children ages 6 to 15 who need a clinical setting to achieve academic growth.

Day Treatment Program: provides the proven therapies needed to keep a child in the community, or transition home from residential or foster care.

Outpatient Clinical Services: a comprehensive range of psychiatric, individual and family behavioral therapies; medication management; and psychosexual assessments.

Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services and Multi-Dimensional Family Treatment: home-based clinical treatment programs for children and adolescents with significant psychiatric or behavioral difficulties who are often at imminent risk of being removed from the home, or just returning home from residential care.

Kids Intensive Needs Network (Kids I.N.N.): a sub-acute, live-in facility that provides specialized, intensive care for children ages 5 to 12 with severe psychiatric difficulties as an alternative to inpatient hospitalization.

_____: a live-in treatment facility for boys ages 10 to 14 with sexual behavior problems.

Foster and Adoptive Support Team (FAST) & Intensive Family Preservation (IFP): in-home, community-based intensive services helping biological and foster families stay together.