Mission Statement
Circles of Care is a private, non-profit, social service agency.
Our mission is to enhance children, youth and families ability
for effective living and growth through comprehensive
social and mental health services.
Child Placement

What is Basic Care Foster Care
Basic foster care is foster care for children in need of out of home placement, but that do not have any special medical or behavioral needs. The child functions well and similar to other children of their same age. They are in need of a caring, loving home with Care Providers who are capable of general / basic child care.

What is Therapeutic Care
Therapeutic care is specially designed to handle the demands of children / youth who have experienced various types of abuse and neglect. Their emotional or behavioral problems require special attention and interventions by Care Providers with support from Circles of Care staff, who have the ability and skills to deal with and meet those special needs to aid the children in meeting their full potential.

What is Primary Medical Care
Primary medical care is foster care provided to children with severe medical problems. These medical problems may include children who require feeding tubes to sustain life or who are not ambulatory (wheelchair bound) and require Care Providers to have specialized trainings to meet these needs.

What are Foster to Adopt Parents
Foster to adopt parents are foster parents who want to foster, but are also interested in permanent adoption for any children that may be legally available for adoption, if parental rights are terminated.

Foster Care

Potential Care Provider Qualifications and Eligibility
- 21 years old if married, 25 if single
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- High school diploma, GED or passing of screening test
- No criminal history violating state standards
- No child abuse or neglect history (As a perpetrator)
- Overall good physical health
- Willingness to abide by policy of no physical discipline
- Dependable transportation and ability to transport to court appointments and medical appointments
- Willingness and ability to obtain necessary annual continuing education / training and keep current on all on-going licensing requirements

Becoming a Care Provider (Basic Process)
- Contact Circles of Care to arrange to attend an orientation meeting
- Complete application.
- Submit information to Circles of Care to complete background checks
- Complete FBI fingerprints
- Complete a home study assessment with a Circles of Care social worker
- Complete pre-licensing training. Includes training in such areas as CPR / First Aid, Emergency Behavior Intervention, Medication Training, Behavioral Management, Communication and Abuse and Neglect (some available to take via webinar) and some self instruction.
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Support / Services Provided
- 24 hour Case Management
- Reimbursement: Rates per day, per child
  - Basic Care: $27.07
  - Moderate Care: $47.37
  - Specialized Care: $58.00
- Service packages are based on child / youth needs and degree of emotional, behavioral or medical problems
- All training provided to include CPR / First Aid
- Training money reimbursement provided to obtain annual continuing education
- Family appreciation events
- Required physical plant inspections (Fire, Health, and Gas) reimbursed to Care Provider
- Online and Webinar Training

Foster to Adopt

Eligibility
- Meet all requirements of both Foster Care (see previous page)

Available Children
- Children for whom termination of parental rights is likely
- Infant - 17 years of age
- All races and ethnic backgrounds
- Children with basic needs
- Singles and sibling groups
- Children removed from their families due to abuse, neglect and / or abandonment
- Children with therapeutic needs
- Children with primary medical needs
- Children with intellectual deficits / developmental delays

Types of Families Needed
- Emotionally nurturing
- Structured environment
- Ability to understand experiences of traumatized children
- Ability to maintain a long-term commitment through difficult times

Reimbursements and Subsidies
- Foster care reimbursements until adoption papers are signed
- Adoption subsidy / Medicaid as negotiated based on child needs
- One-time subsidy up to $1,500 when adopting a child meeting special needs classification based on the child’s needs

Professional Staff
- Program and clinical supervision by Masters Level staff with experience with abused and neglected children
- Case Managers with degrees in Human Services or related field
- Qualified therapist with appropriate state licensure
- Treatment planning and review by consultation team to include Psychiatrist and Psychologist
- Family Home Developers with degrees in Social work or a related behavioral science

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