



## *Thinking of Becoming a Treatment Foster Parent with Marygrove?*

### **FAQS**

**What are the children like?** Children in Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) are between the ages of 6 and 21. These children have almost all experienced trauma and have emotional and/or mental health needs that result in more challenging behaviors than children in traditional foster placements.

**Do I have a say in what child comes into my home?** YES!! Information about referred children is shared with you to review in order to decide if a child sounds like a good fit for your home.

**How and when will a child be placed with me?** As soon as you complete licensing and training you will begin to receive information about children in need of homes. The timeline for placement depends on when you accept a referral.

**Is there a limit or requirement on how many kids I have in my home?** Yes, only two TFC children are allowed in a home at a time.

**How long is a child in foster care?** This depends on the situation, but could be weeks, months, or years.

**What types of support will I get?** In addition to the financial stipends from the state of Missouri, Marygrove offers 24/7 crisis support, therapy, psychiatry access, medical clinic access, education coordination, a supportive network, and recreation opportunities.

**Where will the child go to school?** This depends on your location, and Marygrove assists in the process of finding the proper fit and enrollment.

**What about childcare needs?** If childcare outside the home is needed, this is something the Children's Division can potentially help provide and fund.

**Do I have to own my own home?** No, you can own or rent.

**Do I have to be married?** No

**How long does the process take?** Licensing takes approximately 90 days—depending on your availability.

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**When and where is the training offered?** There are a variety of options. Training is offered virtual or in person, and based on family location.

**Can I have a job outside my home as well?** Yes, however, it is important that you have the flexibility to care for the needs of the child.

**What is respite?** Temporary foster care for a child officially placed in a current foster home.

**What are the requirements to be a TFC foster parent?** Be at least 21 years of age, have safe and adequate space in your home for the child, background checks, willing and able to care for and accommodate the child, willing to partner with involved agencies and parties, complete required training.

**Why choose Marygrove to foster?** Marygrove has a very supportive program to help provide a fostering experience that creates a feeling of fulfillment and support for the foster families.

**How do I get started?** Contact Allison Russo at 314-830-6202 to discuss details and get connected.

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