



# Train to become a Professional Foster Parent

Give a young child the chance to be in a real home with a real family.

## The Need

Children who come into the foster care system, come with different levels of abuse or neglect. Some come with very little trauma and just need a temporary traditional foster home until they can return home, live with a relative, or until they become available for adoption.

Other kids have been traumatized by extreme and possibly prolonged abuse. These children need more than just a safe place to live. They need professional help for an extended period of time. Many of these children are placed in residential facilities, where they'll receive therapy and counseling to begin their healing process.

As you can imagine, kids do so much better in real homes than in facilities. Not only do they benefit from meaningful family connection, being in a home also greatly increases the chance these kids have of being adopted, going to live with relatives, or going back to their biological families. All of which are difficult, if not impossible, while they're in a facility.

Unfortunately, basic foster parents aren't trained to address the needs of these children who have experienced this much trauma. That's why we're training Professional Foster Parents who can continue the child's healing for the initial six months after leaving a residential facility.

Currently, the lack of trained specialized foster families means the most abused and traumatized children must remain in institutional facilities.

We can stop the cycle of young children going from facility to facility with this new, never-been-done-before program. It's evidence based and proven to produce better outcomes and lives for children!

The state of Texas has tasked Arrow to find homes for these children who qualify for our new Treatment Foster Care program.

## Parent Training & Support

- Comprehensive training to thoroughly prepare you for success includes Trust-Based Relational Intervention and Together Facing the Challenge Curriculum
- 24/7 access to support services
- In-home services from Masters Level Therapist, Behavioral Support Specialist, and other Specialized Support Providers
- Earn \$25,000 (tax-free) per child per 6 months / \$50,000 per year. Up to \$100,000 per year fostering two children at a time (assuming a placement every day for 365 days)

## The Program

- One parent must stay at home
- Families may foster only 1 or 2 children at a time
- The total number of children in the home is limited to 4, with a combination of foster and other children
- The age of children served is 10 years and under
- Scheduled 6-month stay per child
- Foster parents must be at least 25 years-old

## Learn More

Your next step would be to attend one of our Professional Foster Parent information meetings to get more details before you decide if being a professional foster parent is right for you. You can either join us in person or participate in one of our live streaming webinars. Just visit [www.arrow.org/pro](http://www.arrow.org/pro) for meeting details. Or call us, we'd love to hear from you!

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