

# SUNRISE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE

## Providing care and hope to hurting families and children through Christ-centered Ministries

### What is therapeutic foster care?

In family foster care programs, like the one operated by the state, parents are licensed to simply provide shelter and care for children without a home. The training, supervision, support and reimbursement are less because the children need less care. Sunrise Foster Care is a therapeutic foster care program. This means that our foster care parents are specially trained to care for children with more medical or behavioral needs. This often results from gross abuse or neglect. This may include symptoms resulting from prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol, ADHD, attachment disorders or other mental health concerns. Some children are considered hard to place simply because they are a teenager, or they are from a large sibling group that needs to stay together.



### Foster-To-Adopt

Our first goal is to return foster children to their families when that is possible. However, if a foster child who has been in your home for some time becomes available for adoption or a child enters your home and their biological parents' parental rights have already been terminated, you can discuss your interest in adopting him or her with the caseworker. At that time, you would have to meet all of the regular requirements for becoming an adoptive parent. If you are interested in adoption this is a great way to adopt without the hefty costs of private adoption.

### To become a foster parent for Sunrise Children's Services you must:

- Meet minimum state requirements
- Have reliable transportation and automobile insurance
- Be mentally and physically able to care for children
- Own or rent a home that is safe and free from hazards
- Have space for an additional child(ren) in your home
- Complete criminal background and child abuse checks
- Be willing to complete the pre-service training and participate in a home study
- If married, have been continuously married to and living as a family with your current spouse for a minimum of one year; cohabitating couples are not permitted.

We are celebrating more than **565 adoptions** and counting since 2006!



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