

OUR MISSION

The Thomas Foster Care Agency (TFCA) is committed to providing the social service industry's highest levels of quality and excellence in foster care. By developing and maintaining quality foster homes, TFCA can provide the best possible opportunities for foster children to achieve maximum levels of success, satisfaction, esteem, and wellness. These achievements create the best possible opportunity for foster children to develop a healthy and rewarding life, which will ultimately affect future society and its standards of social excellence.

TFCA is similarly committed to providing state service agencies with the industry's most effective and accessible foster care and case management resources, which will improve the overall standard of care. We will work tirelessly to develop and maintain unmatched levels of excellence and sophistication in order to promote and inspire social service reform.

TFCA is ultimately committed to inspiring our society to improve its standards of family living. We believe that healthy families are the fundamental source of esteem, value, and wellness among children and adults. Furthermore, we are dedicated to improving families in order to achieve increased quality of life for all people.

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"Families can be a sanctuary, a setting of intimacy, a source of companionship and deep friendship, and a place to learn patience, grace, and the joy of giving oneself fully."

William J. Bennett



TFCA is a division of the
Thomas Institute of Well-Being.
For more info, visit:

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PROGRAM BENEFITS

Foster Children

- Weekly staff contact & casework
- Efficient medical & dental scheduling
- Industry's best educational scholarships
- Industry's best annual clothing allowance
- Industry's best monthly recreation allowance
- Industry's best independent living program
- Monthly allowance & investment program
- Regular recreational outings & trips
- Transportation to family visits

Foster Families

- Industry's best per diem
- Industry's best mileage reimbursements
- Industry's best training program
- Access to the Thomas Advantage DCMS
- Free e-mail and FTP accounts
- Educational scholarships
- Regular recreational outings & trips
- Integration into the Heart2Heart network

County Agencies

- Industry's best standards of casework
- Industry's best standards of outcomes
- Casework partnership with FDC, Inc.
- Very competitive program per diem
- Included transportation for family visits
- 24/7 on-call services
- 24/7 instant access to the TFCA foster home portfolio

FDC ADVANTAGE

Family Development Consultants, Inc. (FDC) is the premier in-home services provider for families of all types and circumstances in Pennsylvania. FDC offers services such as budgeting, social service coordination, housekeeping instruction, discipline instruction, communication modeling, and other services to improve the overall health and wellness of unhealthy families.

For the first time, Pennsylvania social service agencies can initiate both FDC and TFCA programs to rehabilitate and improve the conditions surrounding a biological family that make foster care a necessity. Other foster care providers completely lack the ability to work with the biological family. Without this casework link, reunification is difficult to achieve, as it requires large amounts of county casework effort. It is also contingent on a biological family's cooperation, which often times is lacking due to poor motivation or inadequate support.

TFCA firmly believes that if it is appropriate, reunification is the supreme objective of quality foster care. The TFCA/FDC service package is the industry's most affordable, effective, efficient, and reliable social service program. In fact, it is revolutionary, and we are confident it will contribute to much larger scale reform of the social service field.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

To be a foster parent means to welcome a child into your home who has been removed from their biological parent(s). This occurs for many reasons to children of all ages, races, and backgrounds. Each of these children, however, are in desperate need of a safe, stable, and relaxed home environment that will allow them to live without fear, turmoil, or neglect.

Foster parents open their homes and personal lives to give a child the opportunity to mature and grow in a warm, caring, nurturing environment. A foster family is the most important element in caring for a child who has lost their home. By simply sharing a healthy family lifestyle, foster parents can change the life of a foster child forever. Research proves that there is no alternative to a healthy family dynamic for a child to achieve maximum levels of self-esteem, personal happiness, and well-being.

Foster Parent Qualifications

1. Must be at least 21 years in age
2. Must possess Act 33/34 clearances
3. Must possess a valid driver's license
4. Must pass an initial physical exam

Application Process – no cost

1. Contact TFCA
2. A TFCA staff member will visit your home
3. Complete all required paperwork
4. Attend a 2-hour orientation class
5. Receive Pennsylvania foster care license



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CONSULTANTS, INC.**