



Bridges Foster Family Support Specialist

Introduction

Foster Family Support Specialists are like the aunts and uncles to our foster children. This position provides respite care when our foster parents are off duty. Foster Family Support Specialists assume an integral role in providing care and services to our foster children. As a Foster Family Support Specialist, you will stay at the foster home overnight, serving as the “parent” of the foster home while the foster parents have days off.

Qualifications

- A. Foster Family Support Specialists will be screened prior to the placement of a child using standardized assessment methods that meet legal requirements.
- B. Foster Family Support Specialists will have the experience, personal characteristics, and temperament to work with children and their biological families, and they must be able to provide care, protection, and experiences that enhance healthy child development.
- C. Ability to motivate and work cooperatively with other professionals and employees of the Agency
- D. Ability to effectively interact with sensitivity and responsiveness to cultural differences in the client population.

Responsibilities

- A. Provide direct therapeutic services to children.
- B. Demonstrates training in and proficiency with therapeutic programs used by the Agency, trains and consults with direct care staff regarding the program, and uses teaching interactions in their own work with youth.
- C. Assure close/appropriate supervision of children in accordance with agency standards.