

Circuit 12 Foster Home Licensing Agencies

In the tri-county area of Sarasota, Manatee and De Soto counties, there are a variety of agencies that license foster parents. Choosing an agency to license your family is primarily determined by what level of care you would like to provide based on a child's special needs or conditions. Our children's care needs ranging from mild to significant. Additionally, there are several agencies that serve from a Christian faith perspective.

Traditional Foster Care

Traditional foster parenting is for those looking to foster children who have the least amount of special needs. It is important to note that children in foster care require a greater level of care than those who have been raised in loving and stable homes. Foster parents should be prepared to face issues that are not considered typical or average of most children. Children placed with traditional foster homes exhibit minor behavioral, emotional, social & educational needs.

Safe Children Coalition

As the lead agency, Safe Children Coalition provides oversight and leadership for the entire foster care project as well as licensing of traditional foster homes. We welcome diverse families including singles & we have no faith requirement. Families can work outside of the home with daycare assistance provided. Our professional staff will guide you through the entire process from inquiry, to training and licensing. We highly value our foster families and provide many supports to ensure their success. Our homes foster infants, children and teens ages 0-17 according to the wishes of the foster family. We can license families for 1 child or more, including sibling groups.

Website: <https://www.sarasotaymca.org/safechildrencoalition>

Phone: 866-661-5656 Email: foster@sarasotaymca.org

Covenant Kids Manor

CKM has been servicing families since 2001. We have remained true to our principles of honesty, integrity and giving 100% of our talents to our clients, 356 days a year. We specialize in meeting the unique needs of sibling groups and teenagers in foster care. Families who wish to foster siblings or teens will find that our agency ensures that each foster child receives all the necessary services needed to thrive while in care. We create a nurturing and healing home environment while the foster child's family, case manager and other community partners help work towards the permanency goals of the child. Because CKM foster homes typically serve 4 or 5 children, it is necessary for at least one parent to be a stay at home caregiver.

Website: www.kidsmanor.org Phone: 1-844-564-5437

Traditional Foster Care: Faith Based

Florida Baptist Children's Homes

Through Florida Baptist Children's Homes, foster families are offered Christ-centered encouragement and critical support every step of the way. FBCH offers two fostering options, including caring for children in your own home or in a FBCH sponsored home. The FBCH sponsored home is large enough to welcome larger numbers of children. Through this innovative foster ministry, sibling groups are able to stay together in multi-room, fully furnished homes.

Website: www.fbchomes.org Email: Foster@FBCHomes.org

Phone: 1-855-51-CHILD (855-512-4453) or Bradenton office (941) 357-7970

West Florida Foster Care Services

West Florida Foster Care Services, Inc. (WFFCS) specializes in recruiting, training, licensing and supporting traditional foster families from the Christian community. This work is accomplished while focusing on fulfilling the unique mission of glorifying God by restoring the local body of Christ as the leader in serving children whose lives have been impacted by abuse, neglect, or abandonment. It is the role of the foster family to provide a safe, healthy (both physical and emotional), and stable home for as long as the child is with that family. It is the role of WFFCS to serve that foster family with humility and a high degree of excellence.

Website: <http://wffcs.org> Phone: 813-739-4095 x 201

Email: Program Director: ksegovia@wffcs.org or Executive Director: dclassen@wffcs.org

Medical Foster Care

Medical Foster Care (MFC) is a program that provides homes for children with special medical needs that are in the foster system. Medical foster parents are specially trained on the care needs of each child that comes in to their home. No need for a medical background! MFC parents have the support of an RN 24/7, a Social Worker and a Medical Director (Pediatrician). Because at least one parent stays at home to care for the children, a MFC parent receives a higher monthly stipend based on the care needs of the child.

Phone: Christine Earl 941-371-4799 X 142 Email: Christine.Earl@flhealth.gov

Enhanced Foster Care

This level of foster parenting serves children with needs that rise above what would be considered minor, but are not to the level of being severe in nature.

National Youth Advocate Program

The National Youth Advocate Program, a non-profit foster home management organization has been serving children and families since 1978. We are an 'enhanced' foster care agency, serving children with minor medical issues, emotional or behavior issues, LGBTQ teens, pregnant and parenting teens, children who have been sexually abused and children with substance abuse issues. We have an 'in-house' Therapist who will visit the foster home weekly to provide therapy to the children, as well as a Treatment Coordinator, who also goes to the home to support the foster parent and act as a liaison between the foster parent and case management. NYAP is a supportive and progressive agency to help foster children and foster parents!

Website: www.nyap.org Email: wgrear@nyap.org or sohernandez@nyap.org

Phone: (954) 298-3328 Cell or (877) 692-7226 Toll Free 24 Hour Hotline

Therapeutic Foster Care

Youth in foster care with severe mental, emotional, or behavioral health needs.

Camelot Community Care

Camelot Community Care has been serving children and families since 1972. We provide therapeutic foster care for youth in foster care with severe mental, emotional, or behavioral health needs. In addition to traditional training, Camelot provides specialized training regarding medications and appropriate therapeutic interventions for our therapeutic children. Our in-home counselors see each child on their caseload at least once a week for one hour at the child's home. They are also required to spend one hour per month in the community with the child. During the therapy session, the in-home counselor works directly with the child on specific behavioral goals as they relate to the child's treatment plan. Additionally, an in-home counselor is also on call 24/7 for clinical support in a crisis.

Website: www.camelotcommunitycare.org Phone: (941) 254-4900

Kinship Services, Inc.

Kinship Services, Inc. provides Therapeutic Foster Care services to children and adolescents who are identified to be in need of intense therapeutic intervention. Placement in therapeutic foster care helps the child to learn to live in a healthy family environment. Therapeutic foster parents are specially trained to handle severe behavioral outbursts and trauma, while helping the children process the emotional separation from their loved ones. Therapeutic foster children receive in-home therapeutic services on an ongoing basis and psychiatric services as needed. Each child's treatment team develops specific behavioral goals for the child.

Website: www.kinshipservices.com Phone: (941) 748-2697