

## **Circuit 12 Foster Home Licensing Agencies**

In the tri-county area of Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto 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. Children's 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 needs. It is important to note that children in foster care require a greater level of care than those raised in loving, stable homes. Foster parents should be prepared to face issues that are not considered typical 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. [www.sccfl.org](http://www.sccfl.org) / Phone: 941-404-0079 / Email: [igorzynski@sccfl.org](mailto:igorzynski@sccfl.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.ckmfl.org](http://www.ckmfl.org) / Phone: 1-844-564-5437

### **❖ Traditional Foster Care: Faith Based**

#### **One More Child (FL Baptist)**

Through One More Child foster families are offered Christ-centered encouragement and critical support every step of the way. OMC offers two fostering options, including caring for children in your own home or in a sponsored home. The 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.

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## **A Door of Hope**

Door of Hope is a Conservative Christian organization that works with local churches to recruit, train and license families that feel called by God to serve in the foster care arena for the glory of God.

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### **❖ Medical Foster Care**

Medical Foster Care (MFC) is a program for children in foster care with medical needs. Medical foster parents are specially trained to care for the children that come into their home. A medical background is not required. MFC parents have the support of an RN 24/7, a Social Worker and a Medical Director (Pediatrician). Since 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.

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### **❖ 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. Extra support is offered to enhanced foster homes.

- **National Youth Advocate Program**

NYAP is an “enhanced” foster care agency, serving children with minor medical issues, emotional or behavior issues, a history of abuse, a history of substance use, LGBTQ teens, and pregnant or parenting teens. Because our children are “enhanced”, so are the services that we provide! Our NYAP Therapist visits the foster home weekly to provide therapy services to the children and support to our foster parents. Our NYAP Treatment Coordinator visits the home as needed, accompanies our families to court, and acts as a liaison between the foster parent and the case manager. In addition, NYAP manages all placement calls and staff is available to our families 24/7.

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### **❖ Therapeutic Foster Care**

Therapeutic foster parents provide specialized care for children & youth in foster care with intense mental, emotional, or behavioral health needs. An extra level of training & support is provided to therapeutic foster homes.

- **Camelot Community Care**

Camelot Community Care provides therapeutic foster care for youth with severe mental, emotional, or behavioral health needs. Camelot provides specialized training on 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 also 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. The counselor is also on call 24/7 for clinical support in a crisis.

Website: [www.camelotcommunitycare.org](http://www.camelotcommunitycare.org) / Phone: (941) 254-4900