

REQUIREMENTS

- * Complete all necessary paperwork.
- * Be at least 21 years of age.
- * Complete and pass all background checks
- * Hold a valid driver's license.
- * Assist the child with any transportation needs.
- * Successful completion of a Home Study.
- * Attend all required trainings.
- * Sign and uphold a yearly contract

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Washington
County Mental
Health Children's
division is seeking
Professional
Parents to provide
therapeutic homes
for children



WASHINGTON COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH

Children Youth and Family Services Division

The main objective of a Professional Parent is to meet the needs of children and youth in a supportive family setting until the child's family can be reunited.

- * Professional Parents will support the child in a family setting where intensive and individualized mental health services are provided by qualified/trained staff.
- * Clinical services and supervision will be provided to the child and the professional parents. Behavior support, crisis intervention, and education will also be provided to the professional parents to successfully meet the specific needs of each child.
- * The intent of the therapeutic placement will be to support positive and healthy family contact, and build on the child and family's strengths in order to support a successful transition back to the child's family.



Therapeutic Foster Care, through professional parenting, supports a child in a nurturing environment with professional parents who are selected with care, trained and supervised to best meet the child's needs. It is a team approach that strongly encourages positive family participation, contact, and collaboration amongst all team members.



EXPECTATIONS

- Work closely with the child's team.
- Attend any and all meetings necessary to support the child.
- Work collaboratively with the child's family. Support family visits and regular family contact.
- Attend medical appointments as needed for the child.
- Be able to conduct open and consistent communication with all team members.
- Follow and maintain signed contract.
- Familiarize, implement, and comply with all WCMHS policies and procedures outlined for the program
- SELF CARE!!