



Professional Treatment Foster Parent

Be a CHAMPION in a child's life – become a Professional Treatment Foster Parent!

Pathways Youth and Family Services, Treatment Family Foster Care (PTFFC) program, is seeking **Professional Treatment Foster Parents** for our **Houston and San Antonio, TX** locations.

Pathways Youth and Family Services provides extensive training in Together Facing the Challenge, Trauma Informed Care, and Trust-Based Relational Intervention to prepare foster parents to provide nurturing evidence-based care to children experiencing foster care. Pathways offers each Professional Treatment Foster Family ongoing training, support, and a professional-level income.

Pathways is a community-based social service organization specializing in foster care, residential care, and behavioral health services. Founded by foster parents in 1992, Pathways' mission is transforming lives, families, and communities.

Are you ready to join a team that is on a mission to change the lives of children and families? Do you want to be part of a movement that values compassion and empowerment?

Essential duties include but are not limited to the following:

- Provide 24-hour care of children in foster care to ensure their safety and well-being, and adjust the level of supervision according to the circumstances and their needs.
- Support their education by ensuring they attend classes. Participate in teacher conferences and provide assistance with homework as needed.
- Act as an educational advocate. Work with teachers and school administration to develop an effective educational plan.
- Implement daily activity schedules including, but not limited to, hygiene, mealtime, chores, schoolwork and recreation.
- Supervise and facilitate all recreational and leisure time.
- Work in cooperation with other PTFFC staff to provide a safe and nurturing home in compliance with applicable licensing and accreditation standards.
- Attend Treatment Team meetings and provide input to develop individual service and treatment plans on a regular basis.
- Notify appropriate Pathways staff of any changes in behavior, symptoms of serious illness, medical emergencies or behavioral crisis.
- Administer all prescribed medications and properly record medications given and observe for side effects.
- Implement emergency procedures when necessary and appropriately implement therapeutic interventions with children when necessary.
- Transport children to all appointments and extracurricular activities.
- Attend to healthcare needs, ensuring regular medical, psychiatric, dental, hearing, and vision exams are completed as necessary.

- Encourage and reinforce appropriate behaviors through the utilization of trauma informed care and Trust-Based relational Intervention principles.

What you will contribute:

- Your experience working with children diagnosed with behavioral and emotional disorders is preferred.
- Your willingness to care for children with complex behavioral health needs and/or children with complex medical needs with co-occurring complex behavioral health needs.

Due to the nature of our work, additional requirements include:

- Proof of valid Texas Driver's License (Type C), current auto insurance, access to reliable transportation, and good driving record.
- Minimum age of 21 years or older.
- High School Diploma or equivalent required.
- Discussion with/agreement by all family members to offer PTFFC services.
- Two personal and one familial reference.
- Cleared criminal background check.
- Cleared TB test results.
- Must attend orientation and 48 hours of pre-service training prior to licensure.
- Complete ongoing in-service training based on state requirements and COA standards.
- Must complete a home safety check and the Home Study process.
- Must provide copies of the following: social security card, birth certificates (all residing in the house), marriage certificates/divorce decree, biological children and adult immunization records, home insurance, vehicle insurance, and pet vaccinations.
- Obtain certification in CPR/First Aid
- Have a willingness to work collaboratively with biological families.
- Cooperate with visitation plans and play an active role in assisting the child to attain the goal of either reunification or a permanent placement.

What to expect:

- Professional foster parent pay.
- Access to respite service and crisis services.
- Work side-by-side with other knowledgeable, dedicated, and diverse individuals.
- An amazing opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child.
- A service you can be genuinely proud of providing!

Treatment Family Foster Care operates under Pathways Youth & Family Services, which is headquartered in Kerrville, TX, with locations in Abilene, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Houston. Providing foster care and adoption services to over 10,000 children since 1992, Pathways' mission has become a reality. The organization has fulfilled its vision of thriving children, resilient families, and strong communities enduring for generations. True to its name, Pathways provides a path for youth and families to receive a comprehensive network of services through the following four vital programs: Foster Family Care, Adoption Services, Mosaic Behavioral Health and Residential Care.

We would love to hear from you. Contact Kelly Lill by email at klill@mosaic-consult.com or call 832-463-2948 to learn more about this extraordinary opportunity to influence a child's life.