



Thank you for saying "Count Me In!" and becoming a licensed foster resource. You already know there are so many children in our community in need of a loving and nurturing environment. Among those children are the ones who need extra services and supports; these are the children Advanced Foster Care (AFC) serves.

AFC provides an enriched, stable and loving environment to support children with higher needs. This is achieved by providing caregivers with the supports and additional resources they need to be successful in caring for these children.

Every time a child in foster care has a placement disrupted, it creates additional trauma. By providing additional resources, AFC works towards sustainable placements that are best for the child.

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Advanced Foster Care

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# Advanced Foster Care



## Goals of AFC

Goals for AFC Caregivers:

- Receive clinical support
- Receive trauma informed training and effective behavior management strategies

Goals for AFC Children:

- Improve placement stability
- Ensure that behavioral health needs are met with appropriate services

## AFC Resources

The AFC program is dedicated to ensuring that both children and caregivers are given the tools and resources needed for a successful placement. This includes:

- Specialized training: "Together Facing the Challenge"
- Weekly in-home coaching with a Family Clinical Services (FCS) clinician
- Care coordination and collaboration with the child, family, and team
- Crisis on-call support during evening, weekend and holiday hours
- Respite services



## Who AFC Serves

AFC serves children who require extra care and support:

- Those with trauma reactivity
- Those with emotional or behavioral challenges
- Those in need of placement stability
- Those between the ages of 5-17\*

\*Exceptions can be made for those under the age of five in certain cases

## AFC Expectations

- Must already be a licensed caregiver with DFS
- Specialized annual training
- Collaborate and coordinate with service providers to ensure the best possible care
- Able to transport to medical care appointments