

Therapeutic Foster Care

A foster home is defined by New York State as a “temporary home for children whose parents cannot parent them in ways that keep them safe.” This being said, all children in care have dealt with trauma and have mannerisms and/or behaviors that are challenging. In essence, as foster parents you need to re-teach children appropriate ways of dealing with emotions and situations.

As therapeutic foster parents you may see children that have special health needs, i.e. Downs Syndrome, diabetes, developmental delays, malnourished babies etc. Some children have sustained serious abuse thus needing significant therapy, children deemed Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) by the courts, and children whose behaviors are hard to manage.

As a Glove House foster parent, you will receive extensive training and support in parenting these troubled youth. Glove House caseworkers will visit weekly or bi-weekly to ensure the safety of your home and the child. Monthly training articles are sent out, as well as trainings given in house.

At Glove House we strive for positive matching between foster homes and children. As a foster parent you would receive a packet with all the pertinent information about a specific child. We'd ask you to read it through and get back to us with any questions. If you and I think it would be a good match, pre-placement visits would then be set up and we would move forward from there.

Current trends in foster care have changed. In the past more than 90% of the Glove House foster care youth were over the age of 14. Today that number has significantly decreased and 80% of our kids are under the age of 13. Adoption is NOT a requirement of fostering, it can be an unexpected joy in fostering a child. Last, but not least, therapeutic foster care comes with another benefit. Due to the higher needs of the children, the state pays therapeutic foster parents more money to ensure proper care of our traumatized children.

We at Glove House hope that this honest account of therapeutic foster care has helped make your decision a little easier. We believe that helping children is important and hope that you can find it in your heart to see the silver lining in these children's lives and have the courage to show them where it lies.

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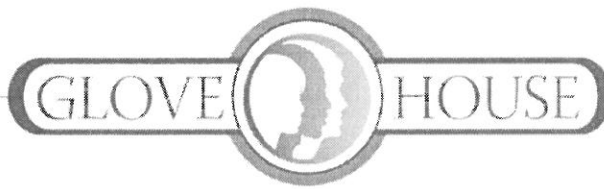
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