

## Is Treatment Foster Parenting for Me?

Treatment foster parenting is both rewarding and challenging. We invite you to consider the following information to help you decide whether treatment foster parenting is right for you:

### *Basic Requirements*

- Reliable transportation
- Stable housing and financial situation (You do not have to be a homeowner)
- Flexible schedule
- Completion of a home study, including personal interviews and background checks on all adults in the household
- Completion of 27 hours of pre-service training
- CPR and First Aid training

\* Note: The Arc NCR accepts applicants who are married or single.

### *Important Qualities of a Treatment Foster Parent*

- Commitment to serve children, even when things get tough.
- Openness and flexibility to be a team player.
- Curiosity to learn and grow in your parenting skills, no matter how long you have parented.
- Self-awareness to take a break and get renewed energy.
- Having a good sense of humor helps, too!

Most of our Treatment Foster Parents have been serving children for over five years.

### *What Kind of Support Will I Receive?*

- A licensed Clinical Social Worker you can call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Frequent contact from your Clinical Social Worker.
- Careful matching of children to families.
- Financial support for the care of the child.
- Excellent training, both before becoming a Treatment Foster Parent and after you are certified.
- Support from a group of Treatment Foster Parents that meets monthly. Our treatment foster families have over 96 years of combined experience in serving children.
- Up to 14 days per year of respite care for the child.

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