

Foster Care Services

Bellefaire JCB's Treatment Foster Care Program provides family-based placement for youth up to the age of 21 who have faced challenges so severe that they must be temporarily removed from their home and placed in foster care. These youth are typically experiencing chronic/ongoing trauma, abuse and mental health issues. To help our foster parents be successful in providing a loving, stable home for the youth in their care, we offer extensive training, ongoing support and access to an array of wrap-around services offered by a variety of programs at Bellefaire JCB.

Training

- Accessible, convenient pre-service training needed to become a licensed treatment foster parent
- On-going training to enhance knowledge base of severely abused and neglected youth
- Specialized training to address and support treatment needs of severely abused, neglected and traumatized youth including Dialectical Behavior Therapy, mindfulness training, trauma-focused care, special medical needs, and normal growth and development

Support and Teamwork

- Consistent guidance, support and technical assistance from licensed case managers
- Foster parent leadership committee
- New foster parent support group
- Monthly foster parent support group
- Recruiting and mentoring opportunities
- Regular respite
- 24 hour on-call support for crisis intervention



Wrap-around Services

The foster youth at Bellefaire JCB are treated as individuals. Their needs are carefully assessed during the intake process and reassessed throughout their involvement in the program. Each youth receives individual treatment planning and coordination of services. Our team of social workers, therapists and case managers work together to provide weekly case management (more often as needed), and ongoing diagnostic assessment and psychiatric consultation. Our foster care youth have access to a full array of additional, comprehensive treatment services through Bellefaire JCB including:

- Residential treatment
- Psychiatric and pharmacological management
- Co-occurring mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Alcohol/drug assessment and treatment
- After school group therapy
- Outpatient counseling
- Individual and group therapy

Our Independent Living and Transitional Living programs provide support and assistance as these young adults move into adulthood. Additionally, the youth in our care are given a voice in shaping their experience with Bellefaire JCB by participating in a wide variety of unique groups and opportunities including skill-building and enrichment programs.

Qualities of a Successful Foster Parent

- A dedication to children
- The readiness and willingness to work closely with a team of professionals
- Patience, consistency and emotional maturity
- A strong support system
- The ability to look beyond a youth's behaviors in order to understand their needs
- Willingness to adapt your own lifestyle to meet the needs of the foster youth
- A desire to make a difference in a youth's life
- A caring and understanding attitude, and a good sense of humor!



Requirements to Become a Bellefaire JCB Foster Parent

- 21 years of age
- Ability to pass criminal background checks
- Ability to pass county and state abuse/neglect background checks
- Appropriate, safe housing
- Sufficient income to maintain household expenses and support the financial burden of adding a foster youth to your home
- Ability to attend necessary training in order to achieve and maintain licensure
- Single, married or same sex – marital status and/or sexual orientation does not affect your ability to become a foster parent with Bellefaire JCB

Permanent Homes for Foster Youth

The main goal of Treatment Foster Care is to reunify the youth with his/her family. However, sometimes reunification is not possible. We provide the opportunity for our foster parents to become certified as a Foster-to-Adopt home. This provides the foster youth with a permanent home and a family who will support and nurture them into adulthood.

For information on becoming a treatment foster parent:
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Professionals who would like to refer a child should contact:
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