

OUR MISSION

We combine science and compassion to deliver innovative solutions that equip adults to meet children's needs and cultivate their strengths.

OUR VISION

Imagine a world where every child's natural strengths are nurtured, so they realize their endless potential.



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Standing behind
those who stand up
for kids in foster care
for over 40 years.



Beech Acres Parenting Center
Over 165 years of strengthening
children & families.
Serving 20,000 people each year



What makes Beech Acres Parenting Center different for Foster Care families?

At Beech Acres Parenting Center your family is our family. Over 40 years of experience has made it clear that the best way to help the community is to build a community. We connect our families and focus on creating a nurturing and supportive network around them. Our collaborative Foster Care & Adoption team inspire & equip foster care parents with the skills and knowledge to be confident in their ability to unlock their families' natural strengths and create a safe, stable & nurturing environment to raise their children.

Foster Care & Adoption Team Goals

- Work with foster parents and birth parents to take a holistic view of the child's welfare.
- Whenever possible, reunite foster children with their birth families.
- Recruit adults wanting to help kids, driven by our values & mission, who want to give an amazing experience to kids and are willing to be part of a community.
- Create a tight-knit community with the Foster Care families filled with encouragement and support.



Beech Acres Parenting Center Foster Care families often refer their friends to us. Why? It's in the details...

- Beech Acres Parenting Center's unique framework, Natural Strength Parenting™, is infused in training & support for all Foster Care parents.
- A culture of advocating for the whole family, not just the children.
- A network of support with other foster families, both informally and in a group setting.
- Foster-to-adopt licensing offered.
- Nurturing staff members with small, manageable caseloads.
- Unique two person foster care parent/child matching team insures intensive review & strong fit between family & foster care child.
- Case aides who provide transportation assistance.
- Competitive per diem and mileage reimbursement rates
- 24-hour emergency access to Beech Acres foster care social workers.
- Bi-monthly newsletters welcome new families, celebrate anniversaries, send lists of free upcoming family activities & educate foster families about helpful community resource organizations.
- Annual appreciation events including a Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner, a Foster Family Cookout and a Holiday Party.
- Free tickets to area events like sporting matches, ballets & plays, through Most Valuable Kids.
- Easy access to Beech Acres Parenting Center behavioral health services, should you need them.

Here's what our foster parents are saying...

"Beech Acres is amazing! They're always available to support and encourage their foster parents."

"It's so rewarding. I know there is a great need and I feel like I'm playing a part on a big team that is making a difference."

"The staff and fellow foster parents are awesome!"



Additional details that make a difference...

- Bridge gaps between families and county workers to provide excellent care and case coordination.
- Maintain low caseloads to ensure our social workers are more accessible and easily reached.
- Train our foster parents in Trauma Informed Care.
- Teach them to ask "What happened to you?" instead of "What's wrong with you?".
- Encourage our foster parents to use strong communication skills, Trauma Informed Care knowledge, and Natural Strength Parenting™ to minimize disruption of children in their homes.
- Develop strong, positive relationships between foster parents and primary families.
- Proactively attend court hearings, conferences, SAR's, school meetings, etc.
- Available 24-7 via our on-call emergency line which rings directly to one of our social workers.
- Support from resolution-oriented leadership team who are, involved, accessible, and approachable.