

CFFMISSION

We help children facing adversity on their journey to adulthood. We use proven methods to help families raise their children so they can flourish and reach their full potential.

CFFVISION

Communities where children are nurtured, healthy, and safe; individuals are valued; families are strong and self-sufficient.

CFFVALUES

Accountability
Advocacy
Collaboration
Cultural Competency
Empowerment
Respect
Responsiveness

CFFAPPROACH

We approach care through a trauma-informed lens to help children reach their full potential. The trauma of abuse, neglect, and tragedy weigh heavily in the lives of our children and families.

We ask not, "What's wrong with you?"
but **"What HAPPENED to you?"**

Children & Families First
strengthens Delaware families by delivering an innovative and effective continuum of community-based social services.

In existence for more than 130 years, CFF builds the foundation for strong communities with child-centered and family-focused programs.

Children & Families First does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed or religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation, handicap, political affiliation, or any other discriminatory basis or criteria.



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Becoming a Resource Parent for Children in Foster Care



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Who can be a resource parent?

In order to be a resource parent in Delaware, you must be:

- Either a single individual or married couple
- At least 21 years of age
- Able to financially support your own family
- Willing to learn about children who have experienced trauma and its effects on their developmental stages
- Able to work with the child's birth family and Children & Families First on behalf of the child
- Willing to complete a criminal history check, medical reports, and mandated training

Who are the children needing care?

- Children of all ages, infant to 17 years
- Children of all ethnic and racial backgrounds
- Children with acute or chronic medical conditions
- Children and youth with complex emotional and behavioral patterns arising from trauma, abuse or neglect
- Teens and teen mothers with their babies

What kind of help do resource parents receive?

We help prospective resource families assess their readiness for fostering, provide training and offer ongoing support and consultation. Our resource parents are part of a team developed to meet the needs of the child or children. Resource parents receive a monthly board payment to cover the child's expenses. This amount is determined by the age and level of care the child requires. Medical expenses are covered by Medicaid, the State of Delaware, or the birth family's insurance. Resource parents who work outside of the home will receive assistance with day care if necessary through Purchase of Care.

What is the basic role of resource parents?

Resource parents are expected to:

- Protect and nurture children
- Meet the developmental needs of children
- Support relationships between children and their birth families
- Promote a permanent plan — either reunification or adoption — for children
- Participate as essential and effective members of a professional team
- Make a commitment to be a meaningful resource in a child's lifetime, when they need it most

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

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Foster Care and Adoption Information Sessions are held statewide the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.**



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