

## **TRUMBULL COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES POSITION DESCRIPTION – FOSTER CAREGIVER**

### **Brief Description of Duties:**

A foster caregiver temporarily assumes the role of parent to a child in Agency custody. Basic duties include providing for the foster child's daily living needs, i.e., regular and sufficient meals, appropriate sleeping accommodations, clean and appropriate clothing, a safe, secure environment, nurturance and guidance in the foster child's activities and responsibilities.

### **Age Requirement:**

Minimum of 18 years old.

### **Training Requirements:**

Completion of a minimum of **42 hours** of pre-service foster parent orientation. In addition, all foster caregivers must complete CPR/First Aid certification prior to the initial certification of their home for foster care and they must maintain this certification throughout the time that their home is licensed for foster care services. Forty hours of continuing training is required for each certification period.

### **Licensure:**

Foster caregivers must be licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services **every two years**. Foster caregivers must comply with the requirements found in the chapters 5101:2-7 and 5101:2-5 of Ohio Administrative Code to be licensed.

### **Expected Skills and Values of a Foster Caregiver:**

A foster caregiver understands and is willing to assume the role of foster caregiver as a member of the care and treatment team.

- Is knowledgeable about and committed to abiding by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services foster care rules, agency policies and procedures.
- Is responsive to children's needs and able to provide encouragement at the developmental level of children in the foster parents' care.
- Is able to provide discipline that teaches children positive behaviors, utilizing logical and natural consequences.
- Is able to accept and work toward reunification and/or permanency planning for the foster child.
- Can identify and deal with issues associated with the separation, attachment, and loss of the foster child and the foster family.
- Understands the impact of abuse and neglect on child development and behavior, (is aware of indicators of child abuse and neglect).
- Knows the methods of treatment and precautions to take when dealing with children with communicable or sexually transmitted diseases.

- Willing to provide transportation for the foster child whenever possible.
- Able to seek and accept help, for the foster child or the foster family, when needed.

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