

ARIZONA THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- One year's experience as a licensed foster parent and/or a bachelor's or graduate degree in healthcare, social work, psychology, or a related behavioral health field.
- Three months of successful experience in child welfare, foster care, behavioral health, education, or a related profession, as approved by the *Office of Licensing and Regulation*.
- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must be a legal resident of Arizona.
- Must be able to provide safe transportation for appointments and emergencies.
- Must complete required training (see below).

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR THERAPEUTIC FOSTER PARENTS

- CPR and First Aid Certification
- Trauma-informed care training
- Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) Therapeutic Foster Care curriculum
- Psychopharmacology/medication training

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR THERAPEUTIC FOSTER PARENTS

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- De-escalation training
- Record-keeping/document training
- Minimum of 24 hours of advanced training per year

HOME LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- Must be safe and clean, with adults that are trained and able to assist the child with complex behavioral needs.
- Must have at least one adult who is at home full- or part-time.
- Must meet the Life Safety Standards in *Arizona's Administrative Code, Department of Child Safety–Foster Home Licensing, Title 21, Chapter 6*.
- Must pass a home safety inspection conducted by Christian Family Care and the *State of Arizona Office of Licensing and Registration*.

Please reach out to HelpKids@cfcare.org, if you have any questions about the Arizona Therapeutic Foster Care requirements!



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