

# FOSTER CARE: A SAFE, NURTURING TEMPORARY HOME FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN



## FOSTER CARE PROVIDES HOPE FOR CHILDREN.

TheVillage Foster Care program provides temporary placement in safe and nurturing homes for children who are removed from their parents' custody due to their inability to properly care for their child. TheVillage offers Treatment, Kinship, and General Foster Care services.



## THEVILLAGE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

TheVillage contracts with counties in the Greater Philadelphia area to provide foster care, kinship care, and treatment foster care with a special interest in older children, mother/baby placements, and medical foster care.

Foster parents not only act as temporary parents for the child, but they also assist the agency with birth parents who are working toward reunification with the child. Services are available to children from infancy through 21 years of age.

## GENERAL FOSTER CARE

Foster care provides a temporary placement in safe and nurturing homes for children who are removed from their parents' custody due to their inability to properly care for their child.

## KINSHIP CARE

Kinship care provides temporary placement of children with relatives or close family friends. Relatives are the preferred resource for children who must be removed from their birth parents because it maintains the children's connections with their families. Kinship care is often considered a type of family preservation service.

## TREATMENT FOSTER CARE

Treatment foster care provides placement for children with serious mental and behavioral health challenges. Treatment foster parents receive additional training and participate in the treatment of the children at a higher level than traditional foster care.

These children are temporarily placed in safe; nurturing, and supportive homes. While they are in these temporary homes, they receive behavioral health services, and their parents work to meet their reunification goals. Our treatment foster care program has master's level case managers who provide intensive clinical/case management support.

Our goal is for all foster children to achieve permanency. Reunification is every child's first goal; Permanent Legal

Custodianship (PLC) and adoption are also provided to the children in our care. Many children are reunited with their biological parents/families. Others reach permanency through our adoption program.

## SUPPORTING THE CHILD AND THE FAMILY

### TheVillage Foster Care Program:

- Provides case management services giving each child access to his/her own case manager
- Recruits, certifies, and approves foster parents
- Provides support to foster parents and foster children, which includes working with biological parents toward reunification
- Offers 24/7 crisis support for foster parents

### Coordinating and supporting services are also available at theVillage including:

- Outpatient behavioral health
- Parent education
- Adoptions services through our affiliation with the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN)

A number of true stories of children who have received foster care through theVillage can be found at theVillage website, [www.village1877.org](http://www.village1877.org). Go to the "Lives Changed" tab.

Information sessions are held each month at both the Southwest Philadelphia and Rosemont campuses of theVillage, with afternoon and evening times available.



## EVIDENCE-BASED, TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

- S** **SAFETY**  
*What do I need to feel safe?*
- E** **EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT**  
*How do I control my emotions?*
- L** **LOSS**  
*How do I deal with the loss I feel?*
- F** **FUTURE**  
*What are my goals for the future?*

TheVillage, a leader in trauma-informed care, utilizes the Sanctuary Model as a framework for healing. This model focuses treatment around the concept of “SELF.”

Using the Sanctuary Model and trauma-informed interventions as a guide for all activities, case managers work with their clients to confront their trauma and learn to cope with and move beyond it to focus on healthy choices and the hope for a brighter future. Within this framework, the Foster Care Department offers a variety of services to support children and their families.

TheVillage is licensed as an adoption agency with the State of Pennsylvania and affiliated with the Statewide Adoption and Permanency

Network (SWAN). TheVillage offers services in Delaware, Montgomery, Chester, Bucks, and Philadelphia counties. We offer a continuum of services that help children connect with forever families, including behavioral health outpatient services for children and families, foster care, and parent education. Our programs are evidence-based and reflect best practices in our field. TheVillage is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified by the Sanctuary Institute. Both achievements are a demonstration of our commitment to the highest clinical standards and to methods that have shown long-term success in resolving trauma.



**“I’m excited about going home again, but I’m going to miss my foster family. Without their help, I don’t think I would be able to go home at all.”**

**- Former Foster Child**

**Call today to learn more about theVillage’s Foster Care Services. Our experienced staff is here to answer all of your questions.**

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### theVillage: Hope in Action since 1877

**The work we do here at theVillage makes a difference for individuals, families, and communities.**

Founded in 1877, theVillage is committed to reaching the most vulnerable children and families in our communities and delivering assistance that lasts. Through trust, compassion, commitment, and faith, we work with children and families to focus on the future—defining their unique goals and paving the specific steps needed to achieve those goals with stability and wholeness. We are persistent in the face of major challenges, assisting our clients to overcome trauma and a spectrum of circumstances arising from poverty, mental illness, addiction, and abuse.

We are hope in action, healing in purpose, organized around evidence-based, innovative practices, in collaboration with individuals, families, and communities.

TheVillage is accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), certified by the Sanctuary Institute, and is an active member of the Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services.

