

Types Of Foster Care

♥ Relative and Kinship Foster Care

Relative Foster Care or sometimes called kinship care, is the placement of children with relatives or, in some jurisdictions, close family friends, often referred to as fictive kin. Relatives are the preferred option for care because it maintains the child's connection with their family; however, the safety of the child is always the primary consideration for making a placement. If safety issues are ever in conflict with placing a child with a relative, HSA makes the placement decision in favor of the child's safety. Those who choose to waive support for children placed in their homes may do so. Those wishing to receive support, must become licensed and meet the regulatory requirements to receive a monthly payment at a foster care rate.

♥ Contract Foster Care

Unrelated or non-kinship care providers, as they are commonly referred to, must be licensed and contracted to become placement options. To be eligible for contracting with HSA, foster parents must:

- Meet all the NRS and NAC licensure requirements for foster homes.
- Complete additional hours of pre-service training (18 hours total).
- Meet liability insurance requirements for both the dwelling and the automobile used for transporting foster children.
- Sign the County Agreement for Provision of Foster Care Services contract.

Relatives or other providers completing the requirements for Licensed County Contract foster care will be paid at the foster care monthly payment rate.

♥ Specialized Foster Care

Specialized Foster Care is a family-based, service delivery approach, providing personalized mental health and other targeted treatment for a child and their family. Treatment is delivered through various services, with key interventions and support, provided by foster parents who are trained, supervised and backed by qualified mental health and other program staff.

♥ Respite Care

Respite gives relief to resource parents by providing temporary support for children in care. Respite is provided by approved resource parents for periods ranging from one hour up to 14 days.

♥ Emergency Foster Home

The Emergency Shelter Home (ESH) program supports approved resource parents who agree to provide short-term care for children and youth, up to 30 days, while longer-term solutions are explored.

♥ Non-Minor Dependents

These young adults, ages 18 to 21, are working towards career or educational goals and need a home with family support as they achieve their current ambitions.

♥ Special Medical

Children with a wide range of medical conditions are ready to take the journey to healing. Receive training on child-specific medical issues and ongoing support.

