



Chosen Ones

Foster & Adoptive Family Support

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Resource Guide

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Chosen Ones' mission is to equip foster and adoptive families through Christ-centered recruiting, connection and support. It is our vision that not ONE foster or adoptive family walks alone.

We strive for this goal in various ways. You may have attended a support group, had physical needs met through our Just 4 You Warehouse, attended a family fun event with all your foster/adopt friends, or simply joined in our conversations on Facebook! However you choose to engage, we WANT you to be connected and supported. This resource directory is simply a collection of many years of combined resources. We are so pleased to offer this to you so you can refer to it over and over and come back to it as needed. Please also remember to visit our website to locate partnering agencies, checkout upcoming events, or simply get connected with our ministry.

www.chosenones.org

Please keep in mind that this online resource directory is a work in progress and will change often. For those of us on this amazing journey, one thing we know for certain is there is always change in the foster/adoption world.

If you have anything you would like to see added, please message me at the email below and we will do our best to see that is it added.

All my best to you,

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www.ourcommunity-ourkids.org

Licensing Requirements-First Steps

Step 1: Choose an Agency

All agencies are state contracted to work with CPS or OCOK (region 3B). Your job is to choose the one who best fits your family, schedule and desires. Do you want to adopt? Foster only? Adopt Only? What type of training do you prefer? In class or online? These are all questions you want to ask when “interviewing agencies”. Choose one that best fits your family . You can find links to agencies that Chosen Ones works with on our website under the “Where to Begin” tab. Most agencies have informational meetings you can attend to learn more.

Step 2: Fill Out the Agency Application

This can be a long process, but take it one page at a time. The paperwork can be overwhelming, but there are lots of other families here to help.

Step 3: Attend Training Classes

A schedule will be provided to you by your agency of choice. Each agency has a different schedule and can usually accommodate families for training every month or every other month. The state mandated hours for training are 30 hours per individual. You get these hours in your classes. Some agencies offer classes every Tuesday and Thursday nights along with 2 full Saturday classes which enable you to complete your hours in approximately 2 weeks. If you miss a class, you can always make it up the next month. CPR/First Aid classes are usually a part of your training, but not always, so check your agency to be sure.

Step 4: Have your Home and Fire Inspections

Your home will need to be inspected for health and fire codes. A checklist will be provided by your agency so you can be prepared. Most cities have inspectors for this task, but in the event your city does not do inspections, your agency will do it for you. They are looking to ensure your home is safe for children.

Step 5: Home Study Completed

A home study is a biography of your home. It is used to match you with the appropriate children according to your criteria, especially in the event of a matched adoption. A licensed social worker will come to your home and interview you and members of your household for several hours. They want to know your perspective and views on how you were raised and how you parent. Remember, they are entrusting you with precious children who have been abused or neglected, so this process is very important. After the interview, the worker will then type up your home study and present it to your agency for review. Upon review and approval of the home study, a license is issued to you and you are now an official foster parent!

Basic Requirements

Must be 21 Years of Age and Financially Stable

Some agencies are 25 and up, please call to verify.

Must Show Proof of Marriage or Divorce

If you are not married or divorced and are living with another person, CPS will only allow one member of the household to get licensed and all others are approved caregivers.

Agree to Criminal History Background Check

All criminal histories are looked at on a case by case basis and are dealt with according to the dates/type of crime; however, if any crimes include domestic violence or child abuse, you will not be considered for licensing.

Obtain CPR/First Aid Certification

Most agencies provide these classes as part of their training. If not provided, you must obtain these classes independently. Chosen Ones has a list of independent contractors for this certification.

Obtain TB Testing

Each family member ages 2 and over are required to obtain a TB test. The tests are available for very little cost at your physician's office or clinic. If you need a referral for TB testing, please let us know.

Have Adequate Sleeping Space

CPS Minimum Standards require 40 sq. ft. per child per room. That equates to 3 children together in a 10X12 bedroom (with a closet). Bunk beds are allowed. Boys and girls are allowed to stay together in a room until age 5. After 5 years, boys and girls must be in separate rooms. There must always be a maximum of 5 years difference between children who share rooms.

EXAMPLE:

5 y/o boy with a 9 year old boy- YES

5 y/o boy with a 14 year old boy-NO.

The same applies to girls. Infants may stay in a foster parent's room in a crib until the age of 12 months. Refer to CPS minimum standards for more information on this topic.

Must be Able to Show Proof of Income and Budget

Foster families will need to complete a worksheet with monthly expenses to ensure your expenses do not exceed your income. In certain instances, credit checks are completed to ensure a bankruptcy has not been filed in the last year.

Types of Care

Foster Care

Foster Care is temporary care of an abused or neglected child. Referrals are made through teachers, individuals, relatives and others and are reported to CPS. After a report is made, a CPS investigator must investigate the claims of abuse. If the abuse claims are valid, a child is removed from the home and placed in a foster care home.

The goal of foster care is family reunification. In the first 6 months of a case, the parents are assigned "services" by CPS and are required to take steps toward improving their situation (drug classes, domestic violence classes, secure a job, secure housing, etc.) Mandatory court dates are set along the way (SEE Foster Parent Timeline) to check the progress of the parents. At the same time, CPS is trying to locate kinship or fictive kin (non blood related) relatives to see if anyone will take the child.

Foster Care cases in Texas have to be complete by 12 months unless an extension is granted to 18 months. By this time, all parties should be in agreement as to what is in the best interest of the child reunification or termination of parental rights.

Foster to Adopt

In the event biological parents have not completed the mandatory requirements to have their children returned to a safe environment, and all attempts have been made to locate a sufficient relative, the court will set to terminate parental rights and have the case move towards adoption. Foster parents who have had the children in their home are the first option for adoption. A court date is set for termination of parental rights and the foster parent can adopt soon thereafter.

Matched Adoption

In some cases, foster parents are not adoption motivated and do not want to pursue adoption of a foster child. In this case, the child becomes "legally free" for adoption. CPS begins to accept home studies of potential adoptive families and the matching process begins. Waiting, licensed families then are selected and are able to "read" the file of a potential match. If the family agrees to the adoptive placement, the child is then placed in their home for a period of 6 months and the adoption is then finalized.

Respite Care

Respite Care is care of another family's foster child while they are on vacation, have a medical need, are traveling for work etc. This does require a respite certification, but the requirements are not as in depth as that of a foster parent. This is a great way to ease in to foster care and some families choose this route as a segue to fostering.

Benefits of State Foster Care and Adoptions

Benefits of Foster Children

- State stipend applies to all foster parents starting at \$830.00 per month for a basic child.
- All foster children have Medicaid Insurance with no copays.
- All infants are eligible for state WIC programs (formula/infants, food/older children).
- Working foster parents are eligible for CCMS, a program that pays for daycare for full-time working foster parents.

Benefits of State Adoptions

- Adoption incentives for adopting older children include monthly stipend up to \$400.00 per month until 18th birthday, Medicaid benefits until 18th birthday, and FREE in-state college tuition.
- Older children are defined as any child who is over the age of 2 who is non-Caucasian, a child with special needs (as defined by CPS), OR a sibling group of 2 or more children.
- Caucasian children over the age of 6 also qualify for these benefits.
- Children adopted under the age of 2 do not qualify for these benefits EXCEPT free in-state college tuition, unless special needs apply.



Support Groups

Church/City	Program	Contact Information	Address	Schedule
Avenue Church Waxahachie	Anchors and Arrows		1761 US-77 Waxahachie 75165	3rd Thursday/month 6-8pm
Brazos Church Burelson		817.845.2754	428 SW Johnson Ave	3rd Wed/month 10am
Chosen Ones Tarrant County	Foster/Adopt Support	www.chosenones.org/ groupsclasses	7600 Sand St. Ft. Worth, TX 76118	Various around Tarrant County
Cottonwood Creek Church / Allen	Woven Ministry	Terra Towne 214.914.1453 terratowne1@gmail.com	1015 Sam Rayburn Tollway Allen 75013	
Embrace Ministries McKinney		Bruce Kendrick www.embracetexas.org	100 E. Louisiana St. McKinney 75069	3rd Thursday/month 8-9:30pm @ Fuzzy's Tacos
FaithFul Mom's Sherman		April Layman Whitmire		3rd Tuesday/month @ Fulbelli's
First United Methodist Hurst	Foster/Adopt Support	Dorothy Romero 512.636.5734 www.fumchurst.org	521 W Pipeline Rd Hurst 76053	2nd Sunday EOM 6:30-8pm
Fellowship Church Royse City www.fotp.church/ simplylove	Foster	Brittany Brunson	900 Pullin St. Royse City 75189	4th Monday 6:30pm
Fellowship of the Parks Grapevine	Simply Love	<a href="mailto:simplylove@fellowshipofthepark
s.com">simplylove@fellowshipofthepark s.com 817.741.3687 www.fotp.church/simplylove	1901 Hall-Johnson Rd Grapevine 76051	
Fellowship of the Parks Keller	Simply Love	<a href="mailto:simplylove@fellowshipofthepark
s.com">simplylove@fellowshipofthepark s.com www.fotp.church/simplylove	9900 N Beach St. Keller 76244	
Fellowship of the Parks Haslet	Simply Love	<a href="mailto:simplylove@fellowshipofthepark
s.com">simplylove@fellowshipofthepark s.com www.fotp.church/simplylove	1029 Avondale Haslet Rd. Haslet, 76052	
First Baptist Church Forney	H.O.P.E. (Helping Orphans by Promoting and Educating)	Kristen Morgan kmorgan@fbforney.org	1003 College St. (FM 741) Forney 75126	
First Baptist Church Allen		www.fbcallen.org		4th Sunday/month 5-6:30pm Children's Building Room 213
First Baptist Church Keller		Tony Richmond www.fbckeller.org	222 Keller Parkway Keller 76248	



Support Groups

Church/City	Program	Contact Information	Address	Schedule
First Baptist Church Rockwall	Mosaic	mosaic@firstrockwall.org 972.771.8459	610 S. Goliad Rockwall 75087	Supports, but doesn't offer Regular group meetings
Irving Bible Church Irving	Tapestry	Ryan North 972.560.4600 tapestry@irvingbible.org	2435 Kinwest Pkwy. Irving 75063	Connected Families 1st Wed/Month @ 6:30pm Foster Support Group 2nd Wed/Month Moms or Dads Group (separate) 4th Wed/Month
Lakepointe Church Rockwall	Foster Care & Adoption Support	Jay Jordan jay.jordan98@gmail.com 469.698.2200 www.lakepointe.org/counseling/groups/	701 I-30 Rockwall, TX 75087	First Wednesday/Month 7-8pm Room: W214
Northplace Church Sachse	Foster/Adopt Support	Crystal Liechty and Ashley Brittain 972.495.1116 www.northplacechurch.com	2800 Pleasant Valley Rd Sachse 75048	Wednesdays 7:15pm
One Community Church Plano	One by 1	Trisha Weber oneby1@visitonecc.com		
The Avenue Waxahachie		972.937.5301 theavenuechurch.com	1761 North HWY 77 Waxahachie 75165	
The Avenue Ennis		972.937.5301 theavenuechurch.com	906 S. Kaufman St. Ennis, 75119	
The Bridge Denton		William McDonald mac.mcdonald1979@gmail.com or students@thewellargyle.com		Men 3rd Fri/month 7:-8:30pm @ West Oak Coffee Women 2nd Tues/Month 7-8:30pm @ Zera Coffee
The Heights Baptist Church Richardson		972.238.7243	Creekside Campus 1105 N. Waterview Dr. Richardson 75080	Women 1st Thursday/Month 6:30-8:30pm Men 3rd Tues/mth
The Mount Keller	Orphan Care Fellowship	817.431.1410	860 Keller Smithfield Rd. Keller, 76248	
The Paradox Church Ft. Worth	Tapestry	817.458.8797	330 E 4th St. Fort Worth, 76102	
Trinity Church Cedar Hill	Ohana Ministries	Cheryti Hames 972.338.0004 www.ohanaministries.com	1231 Pleasant Run Rd. Cedar Hill, 75104	Support Group 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7pm Counseling Groups Available
Prestonwood Church Plano	Chosen Ministry	Cara Von Tress 469.766.9513 info@chosenforchildren.org		
The Village Church Denton		fostercare@thevillagedenton.church 940.382.8888	1106 W Oak Street Denton, 76201	

Support Groups

Church/City	Program	Contact Information	Address	Schedule
The Village Church Plano		972.867.1940	5333 Independence Pkyw Plano, TX 75023	
The Village Church Dallas		www.thevillagechurch.net 972.537.1320	3877 Walnut Hill Ln, Dallas, 75229	
Restoration Church		www.restorationtx.com	1280 E Highland St. Southlake, 76092	
The Village Church Fort Worth		Groups Pastor: Jake Ledet jledet@thevillagechurch.net 972.537.1350 or 972.537.1231	2100 Morrison Dr Fort Worth, 76112	
The Village Church Flower Mound		972.537.1100	2101 Justin Road Flower Mound, 75028	
Trinity Church Cedar Hill	Ohana Ministries	Cheryti Hames, 972.338.0004 ohana_ministries@hotmail.com 972.291.2501	1231 E. Pleasant Run Rd. Cedar Hill, 75104	
Watermark Community Church Dallas	Tapestry Ministry	Wes Butler and Jessica Coats 214.361.2275 www.watermark.org/dallas	7540 LBJ Freeway Dallas, 75251	
Watermark Community Church Fort Worth		817.869.1199	6115 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Suite 230 Ft. Worth, 76116	
Watermark Community Church Plano			6400 K Avenue Plano, 75074	



Warehouses, Closets, Ministries

Chosen Ones Just 4 U Warehouse

7600 Sand Street, Building 14
Fort Worth, TX 76118
www.chosenones.org/just-4-u-warehouse.html

Forever54

Cleburne, for Johnson County
The Heights Church
1315 Grandview Hwy
Cleburne 76031
Call 682.231.2638 to make an appointment
www.forever54.Org

Beyond Clothing Closet

Plano
www.facebook.com/groups/BeyondClothingCloset

The Isaiah Closet

Bonham, TX
Serves 60 mile radius and can deliver
www.theisaiahcloset.org

Clothed in Grace Foster Closet

Kaufman County
Serving by appointments only,
3rd Saturday of the month
at local churches.
Phone number: 214-212-7456
facebook.com/clothedingracefc
Clothing NB- Adult 2X (teens clothing), shoes,
accessories & baby equipment.

Everything A to Z Foster Care Closet

Weatherford/Parker County
Contact Marlin Whittington
817.360.0402

Beautifully Blended Families

Benbrook Foster Closet
Benbrook, TX 76126
972-584-7609
beautifullyblendedtx@gmail.com

Foster/Adopt Support Trilogy

Ministry of Trilogy Community Church
North end of Lewisville Lake
Currently premie-youth 4/5
By appointment only:
972.762.4505
trilogyfoster@gmail.com

Blessed Connections

Connect4Life Church
Waxahachie
By appointment only
Text Belinda Henderson
at 682.444.6835

Embracing Esther Foster Closet

Terrell, TX
Wednesdays 10-1
Contact: April 469.286.8810
EmbracingEstherCloset@gmail.com



Warehouses, Closets, Ministries

Foster Love

Burleson/Alvarado, TX
By appointment
Contact: Louisa Swafford
817.381.8749

Foster Love

Wylie, TX
Open: every 3rd Saturday of the month
9:00am-1:00pm and by appointment for
emergency placements
Fosterlove@gatewayonline.org

Heart for the Fatherless

Garland, TX
Arapaho Road Baptist Church
Luana Araujo
469.569.2563
Luana@arapahoroad.org
Rebecca Sheddrick
214.240.4778
twigshed@yahoo.com

Kids Closet

Plano, TX
Not specifically for foster care
Contact: Kimberly Vesley
214.577.1873
Kimberly.vesely1@gmail.com

Project Love

Farmers Branch, TX
By appointment
Contact: Sherry Burchett
972.805.3499

Revolution Foster Closet

McKinney, TX
Revolution Church
Contact: Chrystal Wilcox
469.667.8757
Www.RevolutionChurchTx.com

SWAGG

Waxahachie, TX
www.swaggprograms.com
Provides foster and homeless children with
quarterly shopping experiences and activities
972.213.8212

Foster Placement Timeline

Ex-Parte Order – happens before removal. This is a hearing to inform the court of the removal and have the judge sign the Petition for removal.

Emergency Order – removals are presented and signed by judge within 24/48 hours.

Show Cause – within 14 days after removal. This court date is to make sure the parents have been served, and are aware of the CPS involvement, and the service plan options that will be available. 14 days into the case, a new worker is assigned called a sub-case worker. This worker takes the case from the investigator and will stay with the case for the duration of the case.

Contested Show Cause – is held as soon as possible after the initial show cause.

Status Review – usually 60 days from removal. This court date is for checking the status of the case. How is the child doing? Have any fit relatives been located? Have any home studies been done? Have the parents been given copies of their service plans? Has any progress been made?

Permanency Review – 4 months from the status review. What is CPS 's plan for this child? Has CPS done any home studies? Have the bio parents done any of their services? This is usually the court date where reunification is either upheld as the permanent plan, or the plan may be changed to termination if CPS has just cause. Tell the court the permanency plan: 1. Reunification, 2. Termination/adoption 3. PMC to relative or 4. PMC to department.

Set for a Final Hearing – usually between 8 months and 10 months from removal. This can get tricky depending upon any changes the bio parents have made as well as any progress they may have made since the 6 month hearing. Basically, this is like another permanency review to see if any changes have been made. At this review, a date is set for a FINAL hearing to take place by the 12 month mark. The final hearing will determine the permanent place for the child unless a parent files an extension (6 more months to work on their case).

Final Hearing – could be a trial or agreement among parties to the case. It's possible the child could be on a monitored return before then.



Common Abbreviations in Child Welfare

Abandonment	ABAN	Developmental Delay	DD
Adopted Child	AC	Department of Family & Child Protective Services	DFPS
Adopted Daughter or Adoptive Dad	AD	Date of Birth	DOB
Assistant District Attorney or Americans with Disabilities Act	ADA	Designated Perpetrator	DP
Attention Deficit Disorder	ADD	District Attorney	DA
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ADHD	Domestic Violence	DV
Adjudication	ADJ	Early Childhood Education	ECI
Office of the Attorney General	AG, OAG	Emotional Abuse	EMAB
Also Known As - Alias	AKA	Emergency Room	ER
Adoptive Mom	AM	Father	FA
Anonymous	AN	Foster Adoptive Unit or Worker	FAD
Absent Parent or Alleged Perpetrator or Adoptive Parent	AP	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	FAS
Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement	APPLA	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders	FASD
Adopted Son	AS	Family Based Safety Services (CPS)	FBSS
Adoption & Safe Families Act	ASFA	Foster Care or Foster Child	FC
Authorized to Participate	ATP	Foster Dad or Foster Daughter	FD
Aunt	AU	Foster Family Home	FFH
Birth Child	BC	Family Group Home	FGH
Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration (was INS)	BCIS	Caregiver not related to child/ren, but has a relationship	Fictive Kin
Birth Father or Biological Father	BF/BioF	Foster Mother	FM
Bureau of Indian Affairs	BIA	Foster Parent(s)	FP
Birth Mother or Biological Mother	BM/BioM	Foster Son	FS
Bureau of Vital Statistics	BVS	Failure to Thrive	FTT
Behavior	BX	Guardian Ad Litem	GAL
Client Assessment, Review and Evaluation	CARE	Child Abuse Hotline	Hotline
Court Appointed Special Advocate	CASA	Home Study	HS
Child	CH	Home Visit	HV
Case Manager or Care Manager	CM	Interstate Compact Placement or Children	IICPC
Child Placing Agency	CPA	Indian Child Welfare Act	ICWA
Child Protective Services	CPS	Individual Education Plan	IEP
Criminal History	CRM HX	Care Givers related to the child/ren	Kinship
Court	CT	Law Enforcement	LE
Conservatorship	CVS	Level of Care	LOC
Case Worker or Care Worker	CW	Maternal	MA
		Medical Examiner or Medicaid Eligibility	ME

Source: thefosteringcommunity.org



Common Abbreviations in Child Welfare

Maternal Grandfather	MGF	Reason to Believe	RTB
Maternal Grandmother	MGM	Residential Treatment Center	RTC
Mental Health	MH	Prescription	RX
Mental Health Mental Retardation	MHMR	Substance Abuse	SA
Mother	MO	Satori Alternative to Managing Aggression	SAMA
Multi-ethnic Placement	MEPA	Substance Abuse Mental Health	SAMH
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children	NCMEC	Sibling	SB
Neglectful Supervision	NSUP	Shaken Baby Syndrome	SBS
Non Verbal	NV	Severely Emotionally Disturbed	SED
Our Community Our Kids	OCOK	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	SIDS
Oldest Victim	OV	Supervised Independent Living	SIL
Parent/Parental	PA	Sherriff's Office	SO
Program Administrator (CPS)	PA	Safety Plan	SP
Police Department or Program Director (CPS)	PD	Social Security Administration	SSA
Program Director (CPS) PD Pervasive Developmental Disorders	PDD	Single Source Continuum of Care	SSCC
Paternal Grandfather	PGF	Supplemental Security Income	SSI
Paternal Grandmother	PGM	Social Security Number	SSN
Physical Abuse	PHAB	Social Worker or Service Worker	SW
Physical Neglect	PHNG	Statewide Intake	SWI
Permanent Managing Conservatorship	PMC	Symptom	SX
Primary Medical Needs	PMN	Sexual Abuse	SXAB
Plan of Service (Child POS = CPOS; Family POS = FPOS)	POS	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	TANF
Paramour	PP	Trust Based Relational Intervention	TBRI
Permanency Planning Team	PPT	Therapeutic Foster Care or Home	TFC
Service Provider	PR	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy	TF-CBT
Principal in Case	PRN	Trauma Informed Care	TIC
Psychological Evaluation	Psych Eval	Temporary Managing Conservator	TMC
Quality Assurance	QA	Termination of Parental Rights	TPR
Quality Parenting Initiative	QPI	Treatment	TX
Reactive Attachment Disorder	RAD	Unknown	UK
Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility	RAPR	Uncle	UN
Residential Child Care Licensing	RCCL	Unable to Determine	UTD
Reunification	REUN	Victim Child	VC
Request for Proposal	RFP	Youth for Tomorrow	YFT

Source: thefosteringcommunity.org

CCMS Child Care (aka: Day Care for Foster Children)

Authorizing and Reauthorizing Services

To initiate, authorize, add, extend or reauthorize Foster Child Day Care, a case worker contacts the:

- CPS regional day care coordinator about the availability of funding; and
- Child care management service (CCMS) agency about the availability of space.

If funding and space are available, the worker completes Form 1800 Word Document Day Care Referral and sends it by e-mail to the supervisor for approval.

After the supervisor approves the form, it is sent by e-mail to the CPS regional day care coordinator for review and approval. To authorize payment for services, the worker generates Form 2054 Service Authorization by entering the details into the appropriate stage of the IMPACT case management system.

For other requirements, see Completing Form 2054 Service Authorization.

After generating Form 2054, the worker must submit it to the supervisor for approval. For other requirements, see Time Frames for Services below. Form 2054 must be approved before clients use day care services. This procedure is also referenced in 8161.14 Adding, Extending, or Reauthorizing Service.

How to Find CCMS Child Care Providers Near You

To find out which child care providers in your area accept children whose parents are subsidized through the CCMS program, run a search on this page, and make sure you check the box labeled "Accepts Child-Care Subsidies" (see image to right).

www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Search_Texas_Child_Care/ppFacilitySearchDayCare.aspt

Time Frames for Services

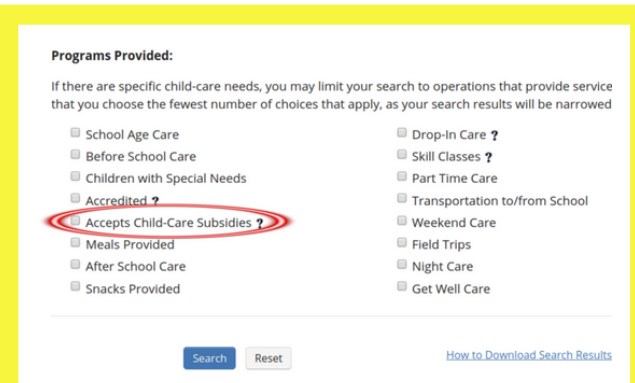
The initial service authorization for Title IV-E and non-Title IV-E Foster Child Day Care may be approved for a maximum of two months.

Subsequent service authorizations for cases in which the child meets all of the eligibility requirements for Title IV-E or non-Title IV-E Foster Child Day Care may be approved for a maximum of six months. If at any time a child's billing service level increases from Basic to Moderate or higher, day care is provided only through the term of the current authorization.

Eligibility for Foster Child Day Care cannot be extended or renewed for a child with a Moderate billing service level or higher unless the service level decreases to a Basic billing service level and all other eligibility requirements are met. The child's need must be re-examined prior to each subsequent authorization.

The supervisor approves all services of Foster Child Day Care.

REMEMBER TO ASK FOR REAUTHORIZATION
After the initial APPROVAL – before the 6 MONTH MARK – or your CCMS benefit will stop and you will pay out of pocket until it is re-approved.



Programs Provided:

If there are specific child-care needs, you may limit your search to operations that provide service that you choose the fewest number of choices that apply, as your search results will be narrowed

- School Age Care
- Before School Care
- Children with Special Needs
- Accredited ?
- Accepts Child-Care Subsidies ?
- Meals Provided
- After School Care
- Snacks Provided
- Drop-In Care ?
- Skill Classes ?
- Part Time Care
- Transportation to/from School
- Weekend Care
- Field Trips
- Night Care
- Get Well Care

Search Reset [How to Download Search Results](#)



CCMS Child Care (aka: Day Care for Foster Children)

Tip Sheet - Daycare for Foster Care Redesign

Who Qualifies for Foster Daycare?

- Each foster parent must work full-time (40 hours per week minimum). They must be earning a wage. Being a full time student or volunteer time does not qualify.
- The child must be in DFPS conservatorship.
- The child must be in kindergarten or younger (during the school year) or 13 yrs old & younger (during the summer & spring break, if funding permits)
- If the child is being adopted - Daycare ends the day the adoption agreement is signed

How to select an appropriate daycare before requesting services:

- Check the DFPS Child Care Licensing website for day care violations at www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Search_Texas_Child_Care/ppFacilitySearchDayCare.asp
- Tour the daycare to see if you like it, the location and the staff
- Confirm with the daycare that they are contracted with the CCMS Board you are required to use
- Confirm with the daycare that they have an open spot for the child's age group
- Confirm with the daycare that they meet your needs with hours of operation & transportation (if needed) and any special needs the child might have

Documents required when requesting daycare services:

- Required full time employment verification - last 3 months of pays stubs. The stubs should clearly show a minimum of 40 hours a week. This is needed for each caregiver.

If it is new employment, then a letter from the employer attesting to the employee being employed a minimum of forty hours a week or, in the case of self-employment, a completed Statement of Self-Employment Income (form 1806).

- Form 1809 - "Foster/Relative Other Designated Caregiver Daycare Verification" - must be completed and signed by the foster parent
- Also needed: Foster parents name, address, phone number, DOB & SSN
- Child's name & age
- Day care name, address & phone number
- Days & hours day care is needed
- Note if transportation is needed

What if there is a problem or question?

- If you are a foster parent, contact your Child Placing Agency
- If you are CPA staff, contact Our Community Our Kids

Note: There is a mandatory 10 business (not holiday or weekend) training period for day care requests. The 10 days begins once the day care request has been submitted to the coordinator's workload.



Resources for Our Community Our Kids

Crisis Line:

OCOK expects Network Providers to utilize the mobile crisis service of the Turning Point program. The mobile crisis service can be accessed by calling (817) 909-1171.

Training Resources:

- Understanding the CPS process training: Kurt Pafford, kurt.pafford@dfps.state.tx.us
- Couponing and Saving at Stores: Kristi Cates, kcates@crossroadsink.com
- Making Meals Easy for Working Moms: Kimberly Tuggle; skmtuggle@aol.com
- How to Navigate and Organize Paperwork for PMN babies: Kimberly Tuggle; skmtuggle@aol.com
- Identifying Disabilities and Advocacy: Kimberly Tuggle; skmtuggle@aol.com
- Web-based training, www.Qpiflorida.org/justintime/index.html (also a link on ocok web page) If they don't have the training you are looking for ask and they will try and get it for you.
- CPR/First Aid: Life Quest (they come to you if over 5 people) 817 222-9440
- CPR/First Aid: Heart2Heart, weekly courses, www.hearts2heartscpr.com
- Low cost parenting classes and support for children: The Learning Center and Parenting Center in Fort Worth
- Trust-Based Relational Intervention - www.child.tcu.edu
- Caring for Children who Have Experienced Trauma- A Workshop for Resource Parents - www.nctsn.org/products/caring-for-children-who-have-experienced-trauma

Community Resources:

- DFW Child- Events updated regularly www.dfwchild.com/special-needs.asp
- Art lessons and summer art workshops: 5821 Holloway St, Westworth Village, TX 76114 mickidlong@sbcglobal.net, 682-552-4567
- Kids in a New Groove: www.KidsInANewGroove.org : Free instruments and free music lessons for kids in foster care
- Rise Adaptive Sports - www.riseadaptivesports.org/wp/ , Irving, Texas, P.O. Box 141122 Irving, TX 75014-1122, recreation options for children with disabilities. Phone: (469) 762-5075.
- Splash Kingdom - contact Rebecca Haug for foster care discount, 1000 Cinema Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087, www.splashkingdomwaterpark.com/hudson-oaks/ , (817) 598-0777 email: info@splashkingdomwaterpark.com
- Tax Preparation: H&C Tax Services, 4200 South Freeway Suite #2410, Fort Worth, TX 76115, Oscar Hunter, oscar.hunter@sbcglobal.net
- Travel Agency: Hunter Travel, contact Oscar Hunter, oscar.hunter@sbcglobal.net
- YMCA offers Adaptive Swimming Lessons at select locations - www.ymca.org
- YMCA provides a discount on registration and youth activities - www.ymca.org

Community Events:

- Granbury Teen Health Fair (Granbury ISD), (Spring)
- Family Day, Fort Worth Police Department FREE
- Fort Worth Boys and Girls Club/Family Wellness Fair, Health Screenings (May)
- Springtown May Festival, usually (May)
- Hispanic Wellness Fair, Will Rogers Memorial Center (August)
- Benbrook Heritage Fest (October)
- Disability Expo, Colleyville (October)
- Special Kids Rodeo-TREAT Stephenville, Texas (October)
- The Way Church, Thanksgiving meal to Families in need, Granbury, Texas (November)
- CASA Breakfast with Santa, Parker Co and Palo Pinto County (December)

Provided through Survey Data Collection: Resource System Committee



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Support Groups:

- Chosen Ones, www.ChosenOnes.org
- Embrace – www.embracetexas.org/parent-support/
- Interchange – Avenue Church, Waxachachie
- Johnson County Foster/Adoption Family Association: contact Sharon 817-992-9763
- LakePointe Church Adoption Ministries
- One Less-Pantego Bible Church, Arlington
- Parent Café's - Hood County, Put on by Cook Children - (Free) contact Marsha (682.885.3069-Office), www.cookchildrens.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/PR/2013/CookChildrens-ParentCafe-October23,2013.pdf
- Tapestry- Irving Bible Church - www.tapestryministry.org
- Tarrant County Foster Parent Association

Support Services:

- CK Behavioral Health services – provides children and foster families with support services in the comfort and security of their own home. www.ckbh.org; info@ckbh.org; 682-433-5634

Working with Autistic Children:

- Autism Speaks – www.autismspeaks.org/resource-guide/state/TX - resources and information about autism.
- Behavior Frontiers – ABA treatment and training services in Plano. www.behaviorfrontiers.com
- Butterfly Effects – HH. Provides services , ABA therapy in our region and 21 states www.butterflyeffects.com/about-us/mission
- Giggles, www.giggles-therapy.com, Bringing Laughter to the hearts of children with special needs. Autism Treatment Center and Licensed Childcare Facility, 905 Roberts Cut Off River Oaks , TX 76114.
- Lake Pointe Academy, families with children affected by autism and related neuro-developmental conditions to lead the way in bridging a network of support and evidence - based educational and therapeutic services within our own community. 1921 Acton Hwy, Granbury, TX 76049, (682) 936-4112, www.lakepointegranbury.org
- Merit Academy – 214-736-8375, serves kids with Autism, developmental delays and chromosomal conditions. 2825 Valley View Lane #100, Farmers Branch, www.meritacademytx.org
- Mustard Seeds – therapy and services for autism, PDD, Denton, Flower Mound, Roanoke & Frisco Texas, www.mustard-seeds.org
- Rainbow Kidz – programs and language support for children with autism, (972) 306-3189, 2413 Hebron Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75010, www.languageworksllc.com
- UNT Kristin Farmer Autism Center – (940)369-5373, 490 South I-35E, Denton, Texas. Research, Training, and Direct Services Center, www.autism.unt.edu

Kids Eat Free:

- www.metroplexbaby.com/ParentGuides/Kids-Eat-Free-Dallas-Fort-Worth.htm
www.dfwchild.com/features/220/Kids-Eat-Free-Dallas-Fort-Worth

Mileage Reimbursement:

- Logisticcare, 877-564-9837, reimburses mileage to and from medical appointments.

Music Therapy:

- Heart & Harmony: www.heartandharmony.com; 817.458.8813, *not currently covered by Medicaid

TBRI Trust Based Relational Intervention

- Project 1025, Dr. Jana Hunsley, <https://www.project1025.org/>



Resources for Our Community Our Kids

Camps:

- Camp El Tesoro de la Vida: www.campfirefw.org ; 817.831.2111
- Camp Hope: www.centerofhopetx.com ; Weatherford- 817.594.0266; East Parker County 817.441.2442
- Our Father's Children, a free weekend for teens, 12-15, contact Melinda 817-788-2360
- Royal Family Camp, a free week of camp for 6-11 year olds, contact Melinda, 817-788-2360
- YMCA Camp Carter, Fort Worth

Horse Therapy:

- Ability Bridge- DFW Area- www.abilitybridge.com/listing/guide/pediatric.../equine-assisted-therapy
- All Star Equestrian (Horse Therapy for children & adults with disabilities) Mansfield 817 477-1437
- Mustard Seeds-Flower Mound-Roanoke, Frisco, Denton- 817-541-7770 www.mustard-seeds.org
- Spirit Horse (Horse Therapy for Children with Disabilities) Corinth, Texas, 940-497-2946
- TREAT - Stephenville, Texas, Equine assisted activities provide many benefits to many different kinds of people; not just to the physically and mentally handicapped, but to the emotionally and socially handicapped as well.

Clothing:

- Chosen Ones Closet, Fort Worth, Texas- gently used clothing options, strollers, bedding, etc. 7600 Sand Street, Fort Worth, www.chosenones.org
- Community Storehouse (back to school and Christmas activities and support); www.communitystorehouse.org ; 817.431.3340
- Just Between Friends: www.jbfsale.com ; multiple locations in metroplex for sales, offered a few times per year
- Kids Rethreaded LLC- New and gently used children's clothing store offering foster families 10% off all purchases. www.kidsrethreaded.com - 817.526.5382
- Kid to Kid consignment store: www.kidtokid.com - discount for Foster Families (with license)
- Tarrant County CPS: quarterly clothing reimbursement for Tarrant County foster children only; contact Teresa Fuentes 817.255.8746



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Children's Supplies:

- Free Car seat (Hood County) requirement to go through a class to learn how to properly install it with Brianne Langdon, (817)579-3280
- United Rehab, 254-751-1556: Supplies diapers, wipes, etc. for children age 4 and over who are not toilet trained, free.
- Apples Back to School Fair, For Kiddos who live in Johnson County, free school supplies, eye exam, and hearing checks (Wheat Middle School in August) contact Diane Packwood (dpack2112@yahoo.com)
- Oakridge Back to School Fair (Parker County) in August, free school supplies and free haircuts
- Northside Baptist Church Back to School Fair Weatherford, August
- Operation School Supplies (Hood County) August, located at the Granbury Convention center free school supplies, haircuts, physicals, and much more
- African American Health Expo- March, www.aahexpo.org
- Hispanic Wellness Fair-August, www.hispanicwellnesscoalition.org
- Wise County Health Fair-March, www.wisecountyunitedway.org
- Back to School Fair Tarrant County:
- Back to School Roundup-August, www.backtoschoolroundup.org
- Car Seat Safety: The Injury Prevention Services at Children's Health provides a myriad of safety services to all families in order to lessen the burden of traumatic injuries to children in North Texas. Services include education, access, training and resources to the community regarding injury prevention. Free car seat inspections are also available at the Dallas and Plano campuses of Children's Medical Center. Call 214-456-2059 for additional information.

Healthcare:

- CPS has up to \$600 they can apply for through CPS for medical. This resource might also be able to be used for other necessities the family may have to expedite reunification or prevent removal of children from their home. Examples are payments towards rent on rent deposit, utilities, car repairs, purchases (i.e., clothing, personal items, small appliances i.e. space heaters).
- Cranial Technologies- Ft Worth, Texas, (817) 810-9223 FREE evaluation www.cranialtech.com/schedule-evaluation/
- First Hand – can apply for medical assistance \$\$ up to \$1,200. (I used for cranial helmet)
- Green Apple Therapy: Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, LeeAnna Mendoza, lmendoza@greenappletherapy.com ; Megan Williams, mwilliams@greenappletherapy.com
- National Federation of the Blind
- North Texas Area Community Health Centers:
 - Northside Clinic 2106 N. Main St. Fort Worth 76164, PH: 817-625-4254
 - SouthEast Clinic 2909 Mitchell Blvd. Fort Worth 76105, PH: 817-916-4333
 - Campbell Clinic- 1517 Texas Drive Weatherford, 76086, PH 817-458-3300
 - Ruth's Place- Granbury, Texas
- Prevent Blindness – download application for free pair of glasses (1 per person), send in with prescription and you will get a voucher for free pair and where to take voucher.
- Rees-Jones Center for Foster Care provides integrated health care for children in foster or kinship care:
 - For appointment at the Dallas campus, call 214-456-6500
 - For appointment at the Plano campus, call 469-303-4300
- Tritrax – 972-239-3633 Speech, OT & PT
- URS Medical – 888-877-6334 www.ursmedical.com Medical supplies, formula (RX kind) diapers, etc.



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Online Healthcare Resources:

- This website is provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a great resource for parents and foster parents with questions about children's health:
www.healthychildren.org/English/Pages/default.aspx
- There is a specific page on the same website that is geared for Adoption & Foster Care and is very helpful:
www.healthychildren.org/english/family-life/family-dynamics/adoption-and-foster-care/Pages/default.aspx
- This link is a guide for foster and adoptive parents and is called Parenting After Trauma: Understanding Your Child's Needs:
www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/healthy-foster-care-america/Documents/FamilyHandout.pdf

Court System:

- Supreme Court of Texas Children's Court: www.texaschildrenscommission.gov

Books:

- Get free books for children at: www.usa.imaginationlibrary.com
- Get discounted books at www.firstbookmarketplace.org
- I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla: Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World by Marguerite A. Wright
- Brain Breaks
- The Connected Child: Bring Hope and Healing to Your Adoptive Family by Dr. Karyn Purvis, Dr. David Cross and Wendy
- Attachment-Focused Parenting: Effective Strategies to Care for Children by Daniel Hughes
- Fun to Grow On: Engaging Play Activities for Kids with Teachers, Parents, and Grandparents by Virginia K. Morin and David Sokoloff
- The Happiest Toddler on the Block: How to Eliminate Tantrums and Raise as Patient, Respectful, and Cooperative On-to-Four-Year-Old: Revised Edition by Dr. Harvey Karp
- I Love You Rituals by Rebecca Ann Bailey Activities for parents and children that facilitate attachment.
- Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma by Deborah D. Gray
- The Out-of-Sync Child by Carol Kranowitz
- The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun by Carol Kranowitz
- Parenting from the Inside Out by Daniel Siegel
- 1-2-3 Magic Books by Thomas Phelan, PHD www.123magic.com



Doctors & Dentists

Medicaid Doctors and Clinics

Tx Health Hughley Hospital
11797 S Freeway, FW, 76115
817-293-9008

Healthfirst Fossil Creek
7630 N Beach St., FW, 76137
817-281-2977

Cooks Childrens Medical Center Hurst
6316 Precinct Line Rd., Hurst, 76054
817-605-4501

Lake Country Family Medicine
8465 Boat Club Rd., Fort Worth, 76179
817-260-0535

Cooks Childrens Haslet
295 FM 156 #100, Haslet, 76052
817-347-8504

Wise County Health Center
609 Medical Ctr Dr, Ste 2300,
Decatur, 76234
940-626-4400

Childgrove Pediatrics
150 S Denton Tap Rd., Coppell, 75019
972-304-0091

Childrens Health Pediatrics
2805 E Grapevine Mills Cr.
Grapevine, 76051
972-691-0200

Rainbow Childrens Clinic
1915 Mayfield Rd #115, Arlington, 76014
682-276-6700

Rainbow Childrens Clinic
1900 Ballpark Way, Arlington, 76006
817-704-7339

Rainbow Childrens Clinic
929 W Pioneer Pkwy., Grand Prairie
972-641-3364

Medco MD
2440 S Collins St., Arlington, 76014
817-459-2501

Cooks Childrens Pediatrics
1600 FM 544, Lewisville
972-544-4357

Cooks Childrens Pediatrics
713 Hebron Pkwy, Lewisville
972-316-7400

Cooks Childrens Pediatrics
3044 Old Denton Rd Ste
138 Carrollton, 75007
Dr. Olobia/ 972-245-0007

Childrens Health Pediatrics
294 Uptown Blvd Ste 120, Cedar Hill,
75104
972-293-6300

Childrens Medical Center Plano
7601 Preston Rd, Plano, 75024
469-303-7000

Childrens Health Pediatric Group
455 N Garland Ave, Garland, 75040
469-488-4200

Note: Not all Cooks Childrens locations in Fort Worth OR Childrens Medical Centers in Dallas accept Medicaid. Please call your clinic and verify. Call Chosen Ones @ 817-856-8333 with any questions or to help locate a doctor.



Medicaid Dentists

Smile Workshop
Locations in Fort Worth, Hurst,
Denton, Cedar Hill, Dallas
www.smileworkshop.com

Frisco Kids Dentistry
www.friscockidsdds.com

Healthy Smiles Frisco
www.healthychildrenssmiles.com

Just for Grins
Keller
www.justforgrinskeller.com

Dr. Austin Church, DDS
Fort Worth
817-292-2004

Texas Dentistry 4 Children
Southlake
www.txdentistry4children.com

Peppermint Dental
Lewisville
www.peppermintdental.com

Lakeside Dental
Little Elm
www.lakesidedentaltx.com

Denton Kids Dentistry
www.dentonkidsdentist.com

Kids 1st Dental/ McKinney
www.kids1stdentaltx.com

Texas Pediatric Dentistry
McKinney
www.texaspediatricdentistry.com

7 Day Dental Center/ Fort Worth
www.7daydentalcenter.com

Pediatric Dental World
www.pediatricdentalworld.com

Fun Dentist
Arlington
www.fudentist.com



Developmental Pediatricians/Neuropsychologists

Behavioral & Developmental Pediatrics; Peter C. Ray, M.D. | Dallas
214-739-8600

Child Study Center | Fort Worth
817-336-8611, www.cscfw.org/evaluation-diagnoses

Children's Medical Center-Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities | Dallas
214-648-0102, www.childrens.com/specialties-services

Cook Children's Behavioral Health | Denton, Fort Worth, Hurst, Lewisville, Mansfield, Southlake
682-885-3917, www.cookchildrens.org/SpecialtyServices

Cook Children's Developmental Pediatrics | Fort Worth
817-336-8611, www.cookchildrens.org/SpecialtyServices

Cook Children's Neuroscience Specialties | Fort Worth
682-885-2500, www.cookchildrens.org/SpecialtyServices

Kids Doc Pediatric Associates, Plano
972-608-2000, www.kidsdoc-pediatrics.com

Michelle Bengtson, Ph.D., ABPP | Southlake
817-251-0911, www.drnichellebengtson.com/about-dr-michelle-bengtson/

PediaPlex | Southlake
877-705-6045, www.pediaplex.net

UNT Kristin Farmer Autism Center | Denton
940-369-5373, www.autism.unt.edu

Information about Developmental Pediatricians and Assessment/Evaluation:
www.dfwchild.com/features/3095/Developmental-Pediatricians#

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If your child is over the age of 3, he/she may qualify for services provided through your local school district. You may contact your local school district for more information.



Audiologists/ENTs

Children's Medical Center-Audiology | Dallas, Plano, Southlake
1-844-424-4537

www.childrens.com/specialties-services

Children's Medical Center-ENT | Dallas, Plano, Southlake
1-844-424-4537, www.childrens.com/specialties-services

Cook Children's-Audiology | Fort Worth, Hurst, Mansfield
682-885-4000, www.cookchildrens.org/SpecialtyServices

Cook Children's ENT | Fort Worth, Southlake, Hurst
682-885-4000, www.cookchildrens.org/SpecialtyServices

Dallas Ear Institute | Dallas
872-566-7600, www.dallasear.com/pediatric-otology-dallas-ear-institute.html

ENT Care for Kids | Dallas, Plano
214-696-8900, www.entcareforkids.com

ENT for Children | Coppell, Southlake
Coppell: 972-745-8400, Southlake: 817-337-3339, www.entforchildren.net

Heard It Through The Grapevine | Southlake
817-803-4646, www.grapevineaudiology.com

ENT & Audiology Center of Southlake | Southlake
817-416-9731, www.southlakeent.com/services-procedures/pediatric/

Texas ENT Center | Keller
817-431-7985, www.kellerearnosethroat.com/services-pediatric-ent.html

Texas Children's Hospital-Audiology | Houston
832-822-3249, www.texaschildrens.org/departments/audiology

Texas Children's Hospital-ENT | Houston
832-822-3250, www.texaschildrens.org/departments/ear-nose-and-throat-otolaryngology

Pediatric ENT Institute | San Antonio
210-614-0171, www.pedient.com



Suggestions for Counselors, Therapists and Psych. Evaluations

Play Therapists:

Erica Salinas
Christ's Haven for Children
817-431-1544
www.christshaven.org

- Free play therapy offered to Chosen Ones Families (MUST bring child to Christ Haven facility in Keller)
- Ages 3 and up

Dr. Roger Doss
Family Counseling Center
Arlington, Texas
817-789-3374, 817-275-3617
www.family-counseling.org

- In-Home therapy sessions ages 3 and up

Efrain Rodriguez, LPC
101 N Elm St.
Denton, 76201
817-320-3219

- Ages 3 and up
- In-Home Therapy

Marti Riedell, MA LPC
817-825-4829
401 Ridgeway Dr
Keller, 76244
MRiedellLPC@gmail.com

Cuppitt Psychology Group, PLLC (Tree House)
Dr. Cuppitt, Dr. Hill
800 W Arbrook Blvd Ste. 340
Arlington, TX 76015

In Home Evaluations:

Compass Psychological Associates
214-824-8878

- Direct Medicaid Billing
- Services 100 mile radius of DFW (in-home appointments)
- Written report in 7-10 business days
- Quick and easy online referral form at www.compasspsych.com

Duane Talley, LPC
325.647.2722
duatall@aol.com

- Direct Medicaid Billing
- Services 50 mile radius from Benbrook (in-home appointments)
- 17 years of experience working with children in foster care
- Ages 6 years and up



Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy Services

Behavioral Innovations

Arlington, Austin, Benbrook, Irving, Keller, Leander, Longview, Lubbock, Rowlett, San Antonio, Tyler, Universal City
855-782-7822, www.behavioral-innovations.com

Children's Medical Center-Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities (ABA Program) | Richardson, Dallas

Richardson: 469-488-7300, Dallas: 214-456-4200, www.childrens.com/specialties-services
DFW Autism Therapy Center | Dallas/Fort Worth
817-925-2979, www.dfwautismenter.com

Epic Developmental Services | Haltom City

215-322-8860, www.epicdevelopmentalservices.com

The Missing Peace | Keller

817-562-8731, www.missingpeacetherapy.com

PediaPlex | Southlake

877-705-6045, www.pediaplex.net

PineCone Therapies | Southlake

817-442-9022, www.pineconetherapies.com

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Speech/Feeding/Occupational/Physical Therapy Services

A-Z Therapy-Home Health
North Richland Hills
817-581-0111

www.a-ztherapy.com/index.html

Beelieve Pediatric Therapy-Outpatient
Fort Worth
817-431-9000

www.beelievecpediatrictherapy.com

Children's Medical Center-Physical Medicine &
Rehabilitation

Dallas, Plano, Southlake, Mesquite

www.childrens.com/specialties-services

Cook Children's-Specialty Services

Dallas/Fort Worth

682-885-4000

www.cookchildrens.org/SpecialtyServices

Educare Therapy-Outpatient

Keller, Fort Worth, Alliance

817-717-3800

www.educaretherapy.com

Epic Pediatric Therapy-Home Health, Outpatient
Addison, Allen, Amarillo, Arlington, Austin, Beaumont,
College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort
Worth, Garland, Katy, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock,
Mesquite, Olmito, Pharr, San Antonio, Temple, Tyler
214-466-1340

www.epichealthservices.com

Green Apple Therapy-Home Health

Dallas, Wichita Falls, Denton, Stephenville, Surrounding
Areas

817-550-5058

www.greenappletherapy.com

KidsCare Therapy-Home Health

Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Waco,
Tyler

866-919-3240

www.kidscaretherapy.com

Monkey Mouths-Outpatient

Hurst, Coppell, Fort Worth

817-479-7019

www.monkeymouths.com

Our Children's House - Inpatient, Day Patient, Outpatient

Allen, Dallas, Frisco, Grapevine, Irving,

Las Colinas, Plano, Rockwall, Waxahachie

www.childrens.com/location-landing/locations-and-directions/och

River Kids Pediatric Therapy-Home Health

Houston: 281-997-8509

Austin: 512-431-4721

Dallas/Fort Worth: 817-345-7530

San Antonio: 210-888-0368

www.riverkidstexas.com

Therapedia-Outpatient

Keller

817-562-3111

www.therapediacycenter.com

TriTrax Rehabilitation-Home Health

Grand Prairie, Dallas/Fort Worth

972-239-3633

www.tritraxrehab.com/index.cfm

Therapy 2000-Home Health

Dallas/Fort Worth, East Texas, Houston, San Antonio,
Austin, Amarillo

877-688-2520

www.t2000.com

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Recommended Attorney List

Eric Freeby
817-338-3888

Fort Worth / Adoption/Consulting

Frank Adler
817-633-3838

Fort Worth / Adoption / Interventions

Belker Paschall
817-870-1273

Fort Worth / Foster Adoptions

Amy M. Lee
817-909-6059

Regiou 3b (Tarrant County & Surrounding areas)
Adoptions

Kelly Reeves
817-465-4664

Pantego / Adoption / Interventions

David Joyce
972-851-0700

Dallas / Adoption / Interventions

Brent Hill
940-381-3688

Denton and Cooke Cty / Adoptions

Brent Money
903-455-1600

Greenville / Interventions

Tara Kersh
817-899-0322

Tarrant and surrounding counties

Representation for children and families in terminations,
interventions, adoptions, and kinship cases.

Lauren Hudgeons
903-461-7400

Greenville / Adoptions

Cynthia Palmer
469-635-6900

Dallas / Adoptions

Tom McKenzie
817-282-3868

Hurst / Adoptions

Jennifer Wiggins
817-860-9900

Arlington / Adoptions

Jamie Taylor
817-210-4802

Fort Worth / Adoptions

Trina Dorsey
214-734-3941

Forney/Kauffman / Adoptions

Amy M. Lee
817.909.6059

Adoptions



Adoption Assistance Worksheet Example

Texas Dept of Family
and Protective Services

Adoption Assistance Worksheet

Form 2253A
April 2004

-EXAMPLE-

Re: Child's Name Put child's pre-adoptive name
Last name, first name

Dear _____ of _____
address

The information you provide on this worksheet will be the focus of discussion in negotiating your child's adoption assistance benefits. This information will help us to identify how you may be unable to meet your adopted child's needs and to what extent you may require assistance.

First, review this entire form before filling it out. You only need to fill out the sections that relate to your child's needs and your ability to meet those needs. Please provide specific information and details regarding meeting your child's needs, including exact dollar amounts, if known and supporting documentation. Should the child's needs change as the child grows, you may ask to re-negotiate the adoption assistance benefits.

Note: Please return this form to the adoption assistance negotiator before your scheduled discussion regarding adoption assistance benefits.

Part One

Areas of Need

Exceptional Initial Placement Expenses

Sometimes, to incorporate a large sibling group or a child with physical disabilities into the adoptive home requires an initial outlay of money by the adoptive family to accommodate the child(ren). Examples of exceptional initial expenses include the following:

- Remodeling or adding on to the home to accommodate sibling groups. Purchase of beds, bedding and dressers to accommodate sibling group placements.
- Adding ramps, lifts and the like to the home for children with disabilities.
- Special or additional clothing needed for the child because the child is being placed in a climate with severe weather or the child's clothing is completely inadequate.

These types of expenses relate only to the adoptive family's ability to accommodate the child's initial placement. When a family needs this type of help, it is expected that this assistance will be limited in duration. For example, under an adoption assistance agreement, you may be provided a specified monthly amount that would only last for a couple years and another amount that would extend through the child's 18th birthday. The agreement can accommodate two separate monetary amounts and payment periods. NOTE: Under no circumstances can the total amount provided to you each month exceed the maximum adoption assistance monthly payment ceiling. (See 40 TAC §700.844)

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Exceptional placement expenses do not include allowable costs of non-recurring adoption expenses such as attorney fees and court costs. These expenses can only be reimbursed after the final order of adoption is entered.

Any furniture or supplies you purchased for child's room. Example: bed, bedding, mattress, dresser, car seat, toys, clothes, diapers, desk, lamps, Safety Ac. Paint, decoration

Estimated monthly cost \$ _____ Duration in months/years don't worry
Attach documentation of cost, if known

Special Maintenance

Medicaid coverage (or the state-provided equivalent) is available to any child that is eligible for adoption assistance. Therefore, expenses relating to a child's medical needs are not commonly included in the negotiation of adoption assistance monthly monetary payments. At times, however, meeting a child's medical needs may directly relate to additional expenses not covered by Medicaid or other insurance resources available to you.

Special maintenance, therefore, includes periodic expenses related to meeting the special health needs of a child with disabilities, significant health conditions, and/or significant behavioral health issues, such as the following:

- Frequent or costly transportation, and child care for other children, directly related to getting the adopted child's health care needs met.
- Cost of providing the child with special equipment or food, adaptive clothing or other necessary services relating to the child's special medical needs, to the extent such costs/expenses are not reimbursable by Medicaid or your other insurance resources.
- Attendant care not covered by Medicaid or another resource such as private health insurance.
- Replacement of durable items necessitated by the child's exceptional use or destruction.

1.) Does the child attend therapy, speech therapy, Psy, OT, PT, etc? How often does the child attend? 2.) Do you lose money at work to take child to appointment?

Estimated monthly cost \$ _____ Duration in months/years _____
Attach documentation of cost, if known

3.) Do you have to get childcare for your other children when you take them to doctor?
4.) Does your child take medication?
Asthma, Eczema, glasses, braces, seasonal allergies



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Child Care

Assistance with child care is only available for the adopted child and includes day care, after school care and summer care. Please specify why the care is needed.

Does child attend daycare? How much does daycare cost?
- After school or summer care

Estimated monthly cost \$ _____ Duration in months/years _____
Attach documentation of cost, if known.

Supportive Educational Needs

Supportive educational expenses are to assist a child whose educational needs cannot be fully met by the public education system due their disability or therapeutic needs. This assistance is intended to augment services the child is entitled to receive and not replace or serve as a substitute for services the public school system is required by law to provide.

Supportive educational expenses may include:

Academic tutoring specialized schooling, and special equipment when the school system will not provide the service/equipment. Private school tuition is considered only when all of the following apply:

- 1) the child has a diagnosed learning disability, developmental disability, or other diagnosed therapeutic need that impairs learning;
- 2) the child is not progressing in the public school system;
- 3) a credentialed professional such as a medical doctor or psychologist recommends the child be enrolled in a specialized school or receive special support services (such as tutoring and equipment); and
- 4) the public school officials concur that the child would best benefit from a specialized setting, tutoring, etc.

- 1.) Does the child have special needs?
- 2.) Does school require uniforms?
- 3.) Will the child need tutoring outside of school?
- 4.) Will child be attending private school?

Estimated monthly cost \$ _____ Duration in months/years _____
Attach documentation of cost, if known.

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Maintaining Sibling/Other Family Contact

When an adoptive family has committed to helping the adopted child maintain personal contact with siblings and other family members important to the child, any extraordinary costs associated with maintaining contact (e.g., transportation costs) can be considered in negotiating adoption assistance.

- 1.) Will the child have contact with SB's, Aunts, Uncles, grandparents?
- 2.) How often will they visit?
- 3.) Where do the relatives live?

Estimated monthly cost \$ _____ Duration in months/years _____
Attach documentation of cost, if known.

Routine Maintenance

Routine maintenance refers to the typical and routine expenses necessarily involved in raising a child to age 18 (e.g., food, clothing, shelter, school supplies, and recreational/extracurricular activities). Involved in the decision to adopt a child is the expectation that you will be able to provide for the child's very basic needs and routine maintenance until the child is an adult. The primary consideration for determining when assistance with routine maintenance is required in order for the adoption to proceed is to determine how the adoption will cause there to be exceptional maintenance expenses, above and beyond the norm.

However, when a family is uniquely qualified to adopt a child (e.g., having an emotional or biological bond with the child, or prior experience raising a child with similar special needs), the extent to which the adoptive family is unable to meet the routine expenses of raising the child can be considered and discussed in negotiating adoption assistance payments. Also, at times families experience temporary life events (e.g., working parent loses job, one parent quits job to return to school, etc.) that may require a specific monthly payment related to routine maintenance for a limited period of time.

Activities you will enrolled the child in:
Dance, Karate, Piano lessons, YMCA, Scouts
School Sports
Other: allowance, cell phone, birthday party, ^{car} insurance
car, driving school etc

Estimated monthly cost \$ _____

Adoptive Parent Signature and Date

Adoptive Parent Signature and Date



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Part Two

Monthly Adoption Expenses

Note: The following section is completed together by the adoptive family and with the adoption assistance benefits negotiator.

Except. Initial Placement Expenses	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____
Special Maintenance	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____
Child Care	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____
Supportive Educational Needs	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____
Maintaining Sibling/ Other Family Contact	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____
Routine Maintenance	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____
Total	Cost \$ _____	Family contribution \$ _____	Agency contribution \$ _____

Child's income \$ _____

Part Three Negotiated Benefits

The negotiator completes this section to reflect the negotiated agreement with the adoptive family.

_____ Deferred agreement negotiated

_____ Medicaid only negotiated

\$ _____ per month beginning _____ and ending _____, the month of the child's 18th birthday or earlier if agreed to by the adoptive family

\$ _____ per month beginning _____ and ending \$ _____ for short-term expenses, if applicable.

_____ Medicaid coverage to be provided in addition to monthly payments.

adoptive parent signature and date

adoptive parent signature and date

adoption assistance benefits negotiator signature and date

Do not need to fill out

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Adoptive Family Resources

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This form is to be completed when there is no detailed information about resources and expenses in the adoption home study or the information is out-of-date.

I. RESOURCES

Provide the following information about your Resources & Expenses:

Monthly Income

Woman's Income Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gross \$	Net \$
Man's Income Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gross \$	Net \$
All Other Household Income Source: Rental Income, Alimony, Child Support, Dividends, Adoption Assistance, Foster Care Reimbursement, etc.	Gross \$	Net \$
Child's income (SSI, RSDI etc.)	Gross \$	Net \$
<i>Please include any foster care payments</i> TOTAL:		\$

Additional Resources

Specify Sources (Stocks, Bonds, Savings, Investments, Interest Bearing Accounts, etc.)	Value \$
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II. HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

Enter your household's average monthly expenses for the following items. DO NOT INCLUDE EXPENSES THAT ARE DEDUCTED FROM PAYCHECKS.

House/Rent Payments <i>include taxes for home</i>	\$ _____	Medical and Dental Insurance	<i>If not deducted from income</i> \$ _____
Groceries and Household Supplies	_____	Automobile Payments	_____
Utilities - <i>Gas/Water/Elec.</i>	_____	Gasoline and Auto Maintenance	<i>Include oil changes etc</i> _____
Medical Care (Not covered by Insurance)	<i>CO-pay</i> _____	Telephone	<i>cell/home</i> / <i>Internet</i> / <i>cable</i> _____
Clothing	_____	Automobile Insurance	_____
Dental Care (Not covered by Insurance)	<i>CO-pay</i> _____	Other Debts/Expenses (specify)	_____
Child Care	_____	<i>Credit Cards/loans/Gym membership</i>	_____
Recreation and Entertainment	<i>Vacation/Movies</i> <i>McDonalds/Zoo etc</i> _____	<i>life insurance/HOA fees/Faxes/tithes</i>	_____
		TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:	<i>savings/Netflix</i> <i>Sirius</i> \$ _____

Adoptive parent signature and date

Adoptive parent signature and date



Handicapping Condition Letter Sample



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Re: Child's First Name Child's Last Name
 Date of Birth: Month/Date/Year
 Adoption: Pending Consummated on: Month/Date/Year

Dear Provider:

Per the request of the parents of the above-named child, the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services is evaluating whether this child is eligible for adoption assistance benefits.

Our rules require that an appropriately qualified professional make a diagnosis:

- That the child has a verifiable physical, mental or emotional handicapping condition; *and if the adoption of the child has been consummated, that*
- The condition existed, but could not be diagnosed, before the child's adoption.

Your response to the following questions (**on your office letterhead**) will enable us to best serve this child and family.

1. **Have you diagnosed Child's First Name with one or more physical, mental, or emotional handicapping conditions?** If so, list the condition(s) and indicate whether they are handicapping.
2. Please include a reference to the **professional status** (e.g. M.D., Ph.D.) **that qualifies you to make the diagnosis or diagnoses** and offer your opinions on the questions above.

INCLUDE THIS PARAGRAPH ONLY IF ADOPTION HAS BEEN CONSUMMATED: 3. **Can you determine if any of the handicapping conditions existed, but could not be diagnosed, before Child's First Name's adoption on Month/Date/Year?**

If so, please explain why this diagnosis could not be made before the child's adoption? (e.g. child was too young for diagnosis before adoption; or perhaps some characteristic of condition)?

Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. Please submit this information to me at:

AA SPECIALIST'S NAME
 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
 "AA SPECIALIST'S ADDRESS AND MAIL CODE"
 CITY Texas "ZIP CODE"

If you have any questions, please call me at: (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

FOSTER/RELATIVE & OTHER DESIGNATED CAREGIVER DAYCARE VERIFICATION

CPS (DFPS)

Purpose: This form is required for foster parents, relatives and other designated caregivers requesting day care.

Instructions: Complete all sections of the form.

Directions: Once signed, the original must be turned in to the caseworker processing your day care request. Please contact your kinship or conservatorship caseworker if you have any questions.

I, _____, am the caregiver for the following child(ren) in
Caregiver name-please print (Circle one: foster parent kinship caregiver)

DFPS conservatorship:

I have sought daycare services from the following the community resources:

Check all that apply:

- Head Start Programs
- Pre-kindergarten Program
- Public School Early Education Programs
- Other _____
Use back of the form if necessary

Please provide the following information:

Number of persons living in the home (excluding children in DFPS conservatorship): _____

Monthly Gross Family Income: (excluding income of children in DFPS conservatorship living in your home): _____ see reversed side for additional instructions

The above information is true, correct and complete. I understand that giving false information to DFPS is considered fraud.

Caregiver Signature Date

For completion by CPS staff if waiver is granted

- DFPS has waived completion of the above information based on the fact that verification of this information would prevent an emergency placement that is in the child's best interest.

FOSTER/RELATIVE & OTHER DESIGNATED CAREGIVER DAYCARE VERIFICATION
CPS (DFPS)

Caseworker Signature	Date	Program Director Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Print Name		Print Name	Date

ADDITIONAL DAYCARE SERVICES SOUGHT:

CALCULATING MONTHLY INCOME: Check the appropriate column next to the type of income that you or any member of your household receives. Include when calculating monthly income.

SOURCE OF INCOME	Check all that apply
Gross Wages	
Child Support	
Alimony	
SSI-Supplemental Security Income	
Social Security Benefits	
Veteran's Benefits	
Retirement Benefits	
Other Disability Benefits	
Adoption Subsidy	
Other Income Type (contributions, rental income, etc.)	