

OUR CHILDREN
OUR FUTURE



TAKE THE FIRST STEP!
MAKE A CONNECTION AND
BECOME A
FOSTER PARENT

Region IV Specialized Foster Home
Services Serves Horry and
Georgetown Counties

Mission Statement

*To enhance the emotional and
social well-being of children in the
least restrictive, most appropriate,
normalized, community environment
through intensive case management
while promoting safety, health,
and permanency.*

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SPECIALIZED FOSTER HOME SERVICES

Intensive Foster Care and Clinical Services (IFCCS), formerly known as Managed Treatment Services (MTS), is a division of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. IFCCS was established in 1996 to provide intensive case management services to emotionally disturbed children. These children are in the custody of South Carolina Department of Social Services and are being considered for or reside in out-of-home placements

In expanding its efforts to better serve children, IFCCS is offering Specialized Foster Home Services (SFHS). SFHS is substitute care for those children who require out-of-home care in a setting that is small, intimate and treatment oriented. Typically, these are children who are experiencing a variety of social, emotional and behavioral difficulties because of abuse and/or neglect.



Specialized Foster Home Services is an intensive treatment program for foster children exhibiting special needs. SFHS incorporates clinical treatment services within a supportive and specialized foster home setting. SFHS was originally known as Public Therapeutic Foster Care, and later become Specialized Foster Home Services which is a division of DSS and Intensive Foster Care Clinical Services. SFHS children are served in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their needs.



Foster Parents of SFHS are licensed through the South Carolina Department of Social Services according to state standards and are offered extensive training and support. All SFHS foster parents are supported by a professional support team, who will work closely with you and your family throughout the placement. During placement Specialized Foster Parents are provided with 24-hour on-call assistance and regular respite care.

REWARDS OF BEING A THERAPEUTIC FOSTER PARENT

- Being a positive influence in the life of a child
- Making a difference in families and communities
- Sharing in the growth of a child
- Contributing to the lives of children and families



QUALITIES OF A SPECIALIZED FOSTER HOME SERVICES PARENT

- Desire to undergo an intensive training program
- Non-prejudiced
- Understanding
- A good role model
- Supportive
- A sense of humor
- Flexibility
- Desire to be part of a professional team
- Desire to help troubled youth
- Good parenting skills

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