

“As soon as you spend time with a child who has complex medical needs, you begin to see a real child behind the disability”

— foster mother of child with complex medical needs



**YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF THESE
VERY SPECIAL CHILDREN!**



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Therapeutic Foster
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Introduction

Parents who provide foster care to children in need of homes are making a vital contribution, both to these children and to our society.

Now parents can be given extra training and support to enable them to provide care to children with complex medical needs.

For some of these children, the availability of trained foster parents may mean the difference between living in the hospital and living at home with a family and participating in community life.

Medically Complex

The TFC Medical Center of CT Inc. is currently recruiting families who are interested in providing care for children with **complex medical needs**. The need for finding appropriate homes for children who are diagnosed as medically complex is urgent.

Medically complex children are those children who have been diagnosed with conditions that require special medical attention. Such a condition can be life threatening and/or involve physical impairments which prevent the children from performing normal daily activities at home, at school, or in the community.

These children range in age from infancy to 21 years old. Although some of the children may have shortened life spans, your love and support can make all the difference in enabling them to realize the best of which they are capable. Some of the children may be able to participate actively in school and other activities as long as they are receiving appropriate care and support at home.

TFC Medical Center foster parents who are interested in becoming medically-complex-certified **must attend a one- to two-day training course, and must be certified to perform CPR.**

Foster parents of children with complex medical needs will receive:

- Certification as a foster parent for medically complex children;
- Further training in the specific care needed by the child to be placed in your home;
- Ongoing support and supervision, available 24 hours a day, from program staff;
- Availability of a backup caregiver to provide care for purposes of respite, vacation or foster parent emergency;
- Augmented daily stipend.

If you are interested, please contact Janine Tykes, Director of the Therapeutic Foster Care Program. Please help us find homes for these wonderful children!