

Therapeutic Foster Care Resource Parent Agreement

TFC providers must agree to each listed criteria below by writing their initials in the space provided and sign the following agreement verifying that they will comply with the roles and responsibilities described once a child is placed in their care:

Therapeutic Foster Care Providers agree to:

- Exclusively accept placement only of referred youth who qualify for Therapeutic Foster Care. The maximum number of TFC qualified youth placed in the home on any day is 2. Stability of the currently placed youth must be taken into consideration prior to placement of second TFC qualified youth.
- Have at least one TFC Resource Parent available at all times to meet the TFC youth's needs, including (but not limited to) when the child is instructed to leave school or a before/after school program due to demonstrated behaviors.
- Provide solo bedroom to TFC qualified youth unless permission is given by child's treatment team and/or Social Work Case Manager (SWCM) for the child to share a bedroom.
- Accept placement of youth approved for TFC unless the placement is not appropriate due to good cause. A denial is considered good cause when the placement would be detrimental for the youth being placed or other children residing in the home.
- Attend pre-placement visits with the child and attend pre-placement service coordination meetings.
- Maintain placement of the TFC qualified youth absent reason to believe continued placement will be detrimental for the child being placed or other children residing in the home. If placement disruption is necessary, the TFC Resource Family will provide the HHS SWCM with 30 days to identify an alternative placement unless there is an emergent situation which endangers the safety and well-being of the TFC qualified youth or another youth in the home. If the TFC qualified youth is disrupted from placement at the request of the TFC Resource Parent, no reserved bed payment will be made for that youth post-departure.
- Maintain a foster care license in good standing and follow all Resource Family licensing requirements and expectations.
- Utilize only TFC qualified Resource Families for respite services unless permission is given by the child's care team or the SWCM. The TFC qualified respite provider will be paid the TFC daily rate of \$150 a day
- Demonstrate professionalism and principles of partnership with HHS, the child's care team, and the child's family members or identified family.

- Take skill-development training as recommended by the child's care team, the RRTS Caseworker, or the RRTS TFC Specialist even if the suggested training is not approved for foster parent training credit or can't be applied the required 6 hours of training annually.
- Participate in peer support opportunities.
- Complete a daily log on HHS approved form for each TFC placed youth in the home.
- Assist the youth in achieving treatment goals by supporting the child and family during the period the child is preparing to enter your home, during the estimated 6 to 9 months the child is in your home, and for the 90-day period of the youth's transition to family or a family-like setting.
- Provide on-going support and mentorship to the youth and their family or identified family for 90 days post-discharge.
- Observe and comply to the Payment Methodology below.

TFC Foster parent signature	Date
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Witness signature	Date

HHS, Four Oaks, and/or the child's care team agree to:

Pay \$50 daily rate for TFC qualified youth beginning the first full business day after the TFC Resource Family has agreed to accept placement of the referred youth in order to permit the TFC Resource Parent to begin visiting with the TFC qualified youth in their current environment, and to allow the TFC Resource Parent to participate in pre-placement coordination of services.

Pay \$150 daily rate once the youth is placed in the home of the TFC Resource Family. Provide \$50 reserve bed payment to TFC Resource Families who have the capacity to care for two TFC qualified youth beginning the first full day after the first TFC placed youth arrives in the home. The reserved bed payment is made to ensure stability of the current TFC youth prior to any additional TFC placement into the home.. If the TFC Resource Family has a capacity only for one TFC qualified youth, no reserve bed payment is made until the onset of the period between when a TFC placed youth successfully discharges the program and the family agrees to accept placement of a new TFC youth. No reserve bed payment is made when the TFC youth departs the home due to a placement disruption initiated by the TFC Resource Family.

Pay the approved TFC respite provider \$150 daily rate per TFC qualified youth for each day of respite provided. To receive a respite payment, the caregiver must be an approved TFC Resource Parent. Payments for maintenance/service payments are not changed when a child receives respite care in another home.

Provide peer support opportunities on a consistent and regular basis utilizing a blend of in-person meetings and virtual video conferences.

The child's care team, and in particular the HHS Therapeutic Case Manager, will provide on-going support to the youth, the youth's family or identified family, and the TFC Resource Family, primarily through coordination of services as outlined in the youth's service plan.

The RRTS Caseworker will continue to provide monthly supportive contact with the frequency and mode established in the RRTS Contract for licensed foster families with placed youth in their care.

Provide training recommendations and opportunities over and above the six hours required for each licensed Resource Family annually. The training recommendations and opportunities will be based on the demonstrated needs of the TFC placed youth and the skills of the TFC Resource Family.

Provide crisis response services.

Provide TFC Resource Families with 60 days' notice of changes to the requirements/qualifications for each TFC Resource Family, the cessation of the TFC pilot, or when HHS establishes a desire for the identified Resource Family to cease providing TFC level of care. The TFC Resource Parent is not entitled to the sixty days' notice if the termination is based on behavior of the TFC Resource Parent that is inconsistent with this agreement. When this occurs, the TFC Resource Parents will resume licensed foster home status if they maintain a current foster care license in good standing. The HHS has sole authority and discretion to approve or dismiss a TFC Resource Parent, based on the needs of families and to best operate the TFC program. There is no express or implied agreement to hire.

Payment Methodology:

Payments to TFC qualified homes are a combination of child welfare HHS funds and Medicaid funds. Payments are typically within 60 days of the end of the month in which services were provided. RRTS will reimburse TFC qualified homes the additional amount up to \$150/day and submit to Medicaid.

Payments for TFC reserved beds are approved by RRTS and paid directly to the TFC Resource Parent by RRTS, through check or direct deposit. All reserved payments due for the month will be paid within 60 days of the end of the month.

Respite payments are made by accessing Medicaid respite. When this is not possible, RRTS will make payments for approved respite.

If HHS or other qualified authority determines the child needs treatment or for other reasons needs to reside elsewhere temporarily AND the child is expected to return the TFC home, HHS may permit the maintenance/service payment to continue for up to ten days at the rate of \$150/day, after which the payment will be reduced to \$50/day (reserved).

If the child runs away and HHS expects the child will return to the TFC Home, HHS may permit the maintenance/service payment to continue for up to fourteen consecutive days at the rate of \$150/day, after which the payment will be reduced to \$50/day (reserved).

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Compensation for additional training to prepare the TFC Resource Parent to serve a specific child will be made by RRTS, at an amount approved by HHS.

No payments will be made for services not described in this section.

Number of children placed at the TFC Resource Home	Payment (conditions apply)
No children placed	\$100 reserved bed Payment (two beds at \$50 each)
One TFC child placed	\$150 plus \$50 reserved bed
Two TFC children placed	\$300 plus \$0 reserved bed