

Why Choose Therapeutic Foster Care?

Simply put, Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) helps youth with complex challenges change their lives for the better through ongoing treatment and positive relationships.

In our TFC program youth live with our dedicated caregivers, called Mentors, who provide therapeutic services, nurturing support and consistent guidance for youth with a range of challenges. With the help of our expert staff, Mentors offer individualized treatment in their own home where youth can participate in family and community activities, benefit from ongoing stability and have opportunities to create meaningful relationships that positively impact their lives.

Ultimately, we all share the same goals of helping youth lead healthy, stable lives in the communities they call home.

Our Outcomes Speak for Themselves

At New Jersey MENTOR we witness the remarkable effects that positive relationships have for youth everyday. We pride ourselves on the positive outcomes of our TFC program including:

- Fewer failed placements
- Increased adoptions
- Successful transitions to independent living
- Ongoing family reunifications
- Frequent step downs

About Us

At New Jersey MENTOR we believe that all individuals deserve the opportunity to realize their full potential through services and supports in their own community. Throughout our twenty year history, we've helped thousands of children and adolescents throughout the state lead healthy, stable lives through a comprehensive array of community-based services and supports.

Our programs support youth of all ages and backgrounds – from those transitioning into the community from intensive residential settings, to children with complex emotional and behavioral challenges who are connected or disconnected from their biological families, to those who are ready to reunify with their families or become adopted by another family. With the welfare of the child as our central concern, New Jersey MENTOR strives to contribute to our clients' therapeutic growth while helping them achieve permanency and stability in their lives.

To make a referral call 800-864-4354 or 800-374-0071 and ask to speak with one of our Intake staff. Or send us an email at nj.referrals@thementornetwork.com.

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Providing Treatment, Support and Progress through Therapeutic Foster Care since 1990



"I will be proud when I grow up. I will be a hero. I love me."

-Stephanie, age 9

Experienced Staff

As a leading home and community-based services provider – with more than 20 years of success – New Jersey MENTOR’s experienced multi-disciplinary team of health and human services staff includes:

- On-site Psychiatric & Counseling professionals
- Master’s Level Licensed Therapists
- Dedicated Program Staff
- Quality Assurance Staff

Quality Services

- Weekly individualized counseling and case management
- Family therapy with the child, Mentor and family members
- Psychological evaluations and consultation
- Psychiatric and counseling services
- Advocacy and support services with regard to home, court and the school system
- 24-hour ‘after hours’ emergency on-call services
- Advanced skill development and ongoing education for Mentor Foster Parents
- Lower parent-to-child ratios and individualized service plans
- Superior quality assurance teams that provide continual program monitoring
- Centralized communication with a streamlined referral and intake process
- Access to our continuum of care and program-to-program transfers



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Youth We Support

New Jersey MENTOR serves youth 5-21 years of age from troubled families, institutions, hospitals and those stepped down from intensive residential settings. Our experience and expertise enable us to care for children with psychiatric diagnoses; behavioral, social and emotional challenges, as well as those with histories of abuse and neglect.

Some of the challenges we support include, but are not limited to: running away, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, ADD/ADHD, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Conduct Disorder, Anxiety Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, excessive anger issues, sexually problematic/reactive and court involved youth as well as pregnant and parenting teens.

Partnering for Success

New Jersey MENTOR emphasizes the importance of teamwork and our multidisciplinary treatment teams work collaboratively with youth and their families, our Mentors and referral sources to develop each person’s treatment plan. At the center of our professional teams are our exceptional Therapists who oversee the implementation of each child’s plan and ensure our continued focus on appropriate discharge planning. In addition, our Therapists work closely with our Mentors and help coordinate access to a variety of community resources including school, recreation, therapy and other specialized services.

"Being adopted means having an abundant life and more importantly knowing you are wanted."

- Sandy, age 17



Referral Process

New Jersey MENTOR welcomes referrals from PerformCare’s Youth Link or directly from staff at the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Direct Referrals from DCF

- Emergency Host-Home beds available without the required assessments for Youth Link.
- Longer-term placements available after 30 days or more if there is availability through Youth Link. New Jersey MENTOR will provide clinical information needed for Youth Link referrals.
- Children are matched with Therapeutic Foster Homes and do not switch homes when their funding stream changes.

Ready to Make a Referral?

Our centralized intake team can help. With our centralized intake team, you can begin the referral process with just one phone call or email and we’ll handle the rest.

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"The best advice I have from one foster child to another is to never give up...Never think you are worthless."

- Jane, age 10