

## You may be just who we are looking for if ...

- ◆ You would like to include an adult or youth in the life of your family
- ◆ You can provide consistent teaching, training and support
- ◆ You can analyze situations and solve problems
- ◆ You can keep records and meet deadlines
- ◆ You are at least 21 years old
- ◆ You have room in your house or apartment
- ◆ You are in good health and physically able to care for an adult or youth
- ◆ You can pass a criminal background check
- ◆ You have some experience with youth, even if it is just with raising your own children

## Find Out More

If you think being a TFC Provider might be right for you ...

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## HELP WANTED

### Therapeutic Foster Care Providers

*The position that has it all!*

- » Opportunity to work at home
- » Status as a respected member of a team of professionals
- » Ongoing training and support
- » High rates of pay
- » Meaningful and important work



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who are the individuals served?

SERV Achievement Centers, Inc. works with youth and adults assessed with social, emotional and/or behavioral challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and/or psychiatric disorders.

Our agency offers a comprehensive service model utilizing a behavior modification approach with the focus on person-centered training to promote independence for our individuals while ensuring their needs are being met. Therapeutic Foster Care Homes provide individualized treatment to people who are fully integrated into the provider's natural family.

### How long do the individuals live with Therapeutic Foster Care Providers?

Length of stay can vary depending on the individual's needs. Many of our individuals in our IDD program remain with their Foster Care Providers on a permanent basis.

### Where in New Jersey are Therapeutic Foster Care Providers needed?

SERV Achievement Centers, Inc. provides Therapeutic Foster Care Homes in all areas of New Jersey and we welcome applicants for the program from throughout the state.

## What you can expect from SERV

### Respect for your right to make the final decisions about who will live in your home

We understand and take into account your family's needs and share what we know about an individual being considered for placement in your home. We will work with you to resolve any problems that may arise, but if a placement does not work in spite of our joint efforts, we will place the individual elsewhere.

### Support and assistance 24 hours a day

It is not easy to know what to do when problems arise. You will not have to deal with these problems alone. You will have trained staff always available for support when you need it most.

### Ongoing in-service training and consultation and help to build your TFC skills

SERV Achievement Centers, Inc. utilizes a specific approach and framework for the service we provide. As members of the service team, providers need to know and apply principles of this treatment approach. Through a variety of meetings, training options and ongoing communication and consultation, we make sure you have the information and tools you need to be successful.

### As a contractor, you will receive payment of up to \$1,900 for a full month of services to a youth or adult

You will receive payment for each day an individual lives in your home. While this payment includes the cost of room and board and other basic needs, the contracted rate is expected to cover treatment services you will be required to provide. Additionally, you will receive 10 relief days per year.

## Application Process

Therapeutic Foster Care Providers do important work. The decision to become a provider is an important one and deserves serious deliberation and open communication about concerns and expectations.

The application process takes about three months. Times may vary depending on how fast you provide all of the documentation required.

All TFC homes are licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing.

SERV Achievement Center's Therapeutic Foster Care Manager will assist you in all phases of the application process.

For more information, see the back of this brochure.

## Our Mission

SERV Achievement Centers, Inc. has been providing teaching, training and support to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and youth with behavioral challenges and emotional problems since 1987.

Services are individualized and based on an approach that utilizes the principles of applied behavior analysis in its treatment planning, teaching and provision of services.

All services promote individual responsibility, increase self-reliance and teach individuals and their families the skills necessary for living and working successfully in the community.