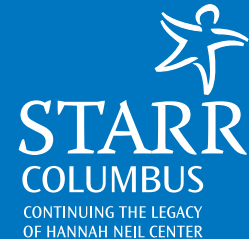


STARR COLUMBUS TREATMENT FOSTER CARE



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Overview:

- **General Philosophy:** Strength-based, Positive Youth Development
- **Community-Based Program:** Provides in-home counseling and 24/7 crisis intervention
- **Population:** Males/Females, ages 0-21 years, as appropriate
- **Foster Home:** Placement in a foster home determined by age, maturity, foster parent experience and capacity
- **Program Length:** Varies by individual treatment needs and permanency planning goal

Youth Profile:

Most children entering Starr Columbus' Treatment Foster Care program present family histories of abuse, neglect, judicial system involvement, academic problems, mental health issues, behavioral concerns and family instability.

Minimum Requirements to Become a Foster Parent:

- At least 21 years old
- Read, write and speak English or able to communicate effectively with any child placed in the home
- Adequate income to meet basic household needs
- Adequate bedroom space
- Pass criminal background check
- Complete a reference check
- Attend pre-service training
- Complete a home study

Training and Support:

- At least 36 hours of initial training required with additional 60 hours of training required for recertification every two years
- Starr Columbus offers a variety of training opportunities to educate and support foster parents
- Offer in-home services, respite care, 24-hour crisis intervention, family stabilization, diagnostic assessments, psychiatric evaluations, medication management and competitive reimbursement rates.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or want more information about Starr Columbus' Treatment Foster Care program, please contact Starr Columbus today.

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