



Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc.
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Description of Agency Program and Services – MN Rule, Part 9545.0815

Purpose and Philosophy of Agency Programs

Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc provides meaningful and effective mental health services to support individual's health and family well-being. We have been providing services since 1978 and continue to be experienced and well-trained professionals who deliver excellent services, care about clients, appreciate collaborative relationships with colleagues and strive to help our communities in MN by helping children, youth, individuals, couples and families heal, grow, develop and thrive.

Referrals and Children Served

Referrals to our Child and Adolescent Treatment (CTP/ATP) Foster Care Programs are made by a variety of county resources that include, but are not limited to: County Child Protection, Children's Mental Health, Juvenile Probation, and Tribal Nations. Children served in our CTP/ATP programs are between the ages of 0 to 18 and 18 to 21 when extended foster care is approved by county agencies. In addition, TSA provides services to a wide variety of children from various cultures, ethnic groups; and from families with varied legal status, including, but not limited to: adoption, Children in need of Protective Services (CHIPS), court ordered juvenile placement and voluntary placement.

Description of Services Provided

The Child and Adolescent Treatment Foster Care Programs are foster care based, comprehensive treatment programs that combine the normalization of family living with the benefits of coordinated therapeutic treatment services. Foster Parents are ready to nurture, provide guidance and limits, offer tenderness and care to meet the needs of each special, unique child. The youth's Treatment Team consists of foster parents, Mental Health Professionals, and TSA Case Manager who meet to attend to specialized treatment and care plans for each youth.

Statement of Eligibility and Requirements for Foster Parents

Foster care applicants are required to meet the minimum licensing requirements that are established by MN statutes and MN rules, governed by the MN Dept of Human Services. A full description of the licensing requirements can be found in the child foster care licensing checklist, available upon request. In addition to meeting the requirements for licensure, TSA requires that foster parents licensed with the agency make a weekly time commitment to participate in treatment team meetings and other training, provide transportation for foster children to attend weekly mental health appointments, and make a commitment to provide foster care in the spirit excellence aligning with the QPI standards of care.

Description of Application and Selection Process for Foster Parents

Persons interested in applying for licensure as a foster parent with Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. (TSA) will meet with the agency licensing social worker to discuss licensing requirements and the clients served by TSA programs. MN DHS approved Foster Parent Application forms are provided to interested parties. Upon receipt of completed application, the licensing process as outlined by MN Chapter 2960.3000 is followed. Agency Social Worker partners with the applicant through the licensing process.

Description of Orientation and Training for Foster Parents

Foster care applicants are required to participate in a minimum of 6 hours of orientation prior to being issued a license. This orientation comes in the form of direct training provided by



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the licensing worker and/or other qualified agency staff, on-line training courses, required readings, and training workshops provided in the community. The state has defined this required orientation to include 2 hours of children's mental health, mandated reporting, Fetal Alcohol and Normalcy and Prudent parenting standards. Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) & Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) training, Children and Restraint Systems (CARS) training and medical equipment training are required for foster parents caring for a certain age or population.

Foster parents are required to complete a minimum of 12 hours of training per year, for each licensed provider in the home. Mandated yearly training includes 1 hour of children's mental health training, Fetal Alcohol.

Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. complies with the Indian Child Welfare Act, Public Law 95-608.

Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. complies with the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, MN Statutes, section 260.751 to 260.835.

Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. complies with the Heritage Act, MN Statutes, sections 259.29, 260C.193, subdivision 3, and 260C.212, 260C.221 and 260C.215.

Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc. complies with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, MN Statutes, section 260.851.

Intake Packet – provide to guardians
Foster Parent Packet – provide to Foster Parents