

# WATERFORD COUNTRY SCHOOL FOSTER CARE



## Core Foster Care vs. Therapeutic...What's the Difference?

### DCF Core Foster/Adoption Care

#### Children



All ages (0-23), removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect. These children do not have ongoing significant behavioral and mental health needs. These kids can function in the community and homes overall, but may have time limited service needs that can be served with wraparound or FAST funding.

#### Services:

30 hours of pre-licensing training

Number of children placed based on home and family assessment.

9 hours of Post-licensing training hours are required

Family contact with Foster Care Support Worker: minimum monthly phone calls and quarterly HV

DCF Case Worker contact with child: monthly

No limit to caseload size for DCF Foster Care Social Worker

Licensing and support through DCF (FASU Worker)

#### After hours support:

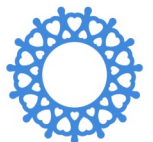
Statewide Hotline/Careline only

Support groups available

A daily stipend (approx. \$25/day) is given to families. This is in the form of a check sent the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

### WCS Therapeutic Foster Care

#### Children



Ages 6-21, with serious emotional disturbance and complex behavioral healthcare needs who are at risk of placement in a more restrictive placement setting. Children have chronic, long term service needs to function in the community.

#### Services:

37 hours of pre-licensing training

Number of children placed is **one**.

28 hours of Post-licensing training hours are required

Family contact with Foster Care Coordinator: weekly

DCF Case Worker contact with child: monthly

Caseload limit for WCS Foster Care Coordinator is 9

Licensing and Support through WCS

#### After hours support:

24/7 coverage and mobility

Support groups available

Daily stipend is increased (\$55.55/day) as there are additional expectations for families. This is in the form of a check sent the following month.