

Eligibility Criteria

Admission Criteria

The children served have emotional disabilities which are severe, complex, and persistent, often in combination with mental retardation. These children may be in crisis but can be stabilized safely in a therapeutic family setting. TFC serves children between the ages of 5-17.

Discharge Criteria

Discharge goals are established in the treatment plan at the beginning of treatment. A child will be discharged from the program when those goals are met and, prior to a child being discharged from the program, other services will be put in place to ensure intensive in-home services are established. Discharge will be a collaborative decision between the client, the therapist, and other persons directly involved in the client's treatment. Discharge from TFC services may also occur if the client is no longer eligible for this service based upon insurance requirements.

Transition Criteria

Prior to being discharged, a behavior specialist and/or therapist will help the guardians understand how to implement appropriate strategies in the home. Transitions are developed with the input and participation of the child and those involved in the child's treatment.

Readmission Criteria

Clients returning to services will follow the same admission criteria as a new client. Assignments are then prioritized based on presenting needs, acuity, program availability and payor source restrictions.

Exclusionary or Ineligibility Criteria

Persons who are found to be ineligible for services are given the reasons and directed to alternative or more appropriate services.

Potential parents must be 21 years or older. There are certain background findings or prior problems with state child protective services findings that prohibit becoming licensed as foster parents. Potential foster homes have to meet basic community safety and health standards, and have enough bedroom space and indoor/outdoor activity spaces to accommodate children's needs.