



FAMILY

RESPIRE SUPPORT.

At Buckner, we have respite care providers available to provide relief care for longer than 72 hours to the foster children in your care on an as-needed basis.

CASE COORDINATION.

Quarterly meetings with the entire multi-dimensional treatment team ensure that the child is successfully reaching crucial milestones in their treatment and effectively prepared for permanency.

PSYCHIATRIC/PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTING

Each child will have office visits with a Buckner-provided psychiatrist and a psychologist. These mental health professionals will provide input and direction in the child's individual treatment planning.

MENTORING.

Each family and each child will have mentors to support them through the therapeutic foster care experience.

INTENSIVE THERAPY.

We require that each therapeutic child receives weekly therapy until they are permanency ready. The intensive therapy sessions can include family therapy with the foster parents, biological parents or other relatives/connections.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING.

Buckner empowers foster parents to successfully manage crisis situations through annual completion of the Satori Alternatives to Managing Aggression (SAMA) training. This is a necessary skill requirement for Emergency Behavior Intervention.

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL TREATMENT TEAM.

The multi-dimensional treatment team incorporates many perspectives in guiding the treatment planning for the child in your care. The team includes foster parents, biological parents, clinical team members, managing conservators, and Buckner staff.

ADVANCED TRAUMA TRAINING.

Advanced trauma training provides foster parents with an in-depth understanding of the impact of abuse and neglect from a whole child perspective. This skill-building opportunity is required for foster parents and offered to biological parents, clinical team members and managing conservators when requested.

SCHOOL LIAISON.

School liaisons are skilled volunteers who assist families in identifying the unique educational needs of their child and serve as advocates in school meetings to ensure those needs are met.

SUPPORT SERVICES.

At Buckner, we are blessed through the support of a large volunteer network ready to serve each foster family. They support Buckner families in a variety of ways such as organizing meal trains after a child is placed, organizing family game nights, assistance with transportation and more.

CONNECTION NEEDS.

We strive to find permanency for each therapeutic foster child. Buckner is committed to working alongside CPS and CASA to identify important, appropriate connections and relationships for each therapeutic child. The connections may have developed prior to or during the child's stay in foster care.

FAITH COMMUNITY.

Buckner has relationships with numerous wonderful churches across the state of Texas. Many of these churches have a desire to come alongside foster families and provide for the needs of the children in their care. For example, we often have churches choose to host family fun days or provide parents' night out events for our foster families.

CANS ASSESSMENT.

Within the first 30 days of placement and annually thereafter, Buckner will complete the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment. This multi-purpose assessment tool will provide key insights regarding the needs and strengths of the child in your care. These insights will guide treatment and assist in accessing the resources necessary in the day-to-day care of the child.