



**Interested in
Foster Parenting or
Foster- Adoption?**

**The
Central Texas
Foster Care
Collaboration**

**This handout is a list of foster and
adoption agencies in your area. Find
the program that fits your family's
needs and give a waiting child a
home!**



Central Texas Foster Care Collaborative

The Central Texas Foster Care Collaborative is a public/private collaboration to develop and implement a coordinated plan to address the continuum of placement needs to find ample safe and loving families for the children who are in the court system due to child abuse or neglect. This partnership is open to any child placing serving Region 7, that wish to participate in this initiative and are willing to commit support to the initiative as outlined.

Our mission is to assist partner agencies in recruiting, training, and retaining foster families and child-placement staff in an efficient and effective manner. Applicants interested in providing foster care will be encouraged to attend one of our Information Meetings. Then the applicants will be encouraged to choose from among the partner agencies and continue the process of training and licensing through their chosen agency. Each agency has a unique mission in the foster care area, so applicants interested in fostering should carefully consider their agency choice.

The members of this Central Texas Foster Care Collaborative include: Angelheart Child Placing Agency, Arrow Project; A World for Children; Bair Foundation; Camelot; Casey Family Programs; Child Protective Services; Family Link; Giocosa; Helping Hand Home; Homes 4 Good; Lutheran Social Services; Marywood; Methodist Children's Home; Pathways Youth and Family Services; The Settlement Home for Children; STARRY; TEXAS Mentor; and Therapeutic Family Life.

Child Placing Agency Partners:

Angelheart Child Placing Agency

Address: 555 Round Rock West Dr, Suite 140-D, Round Rock, TX 78681

Telephone: 512-310-9857; Fax 512-310-9531

Website: www.angelheartshelter.org

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The mission of Angelheart Child Placing Agency is to have a positive impact in the heart of every child we serve. We stand by our motto, "Believe, Hope, Guide, and Protect" as a solid foundation in order to help at risk children. We feel that it is important to offer our families strong clinical support and accessibility to agency case managers and staff on a 24-hour on-call basis. Our goal is to not only provide

a safe, structured setting that will provide for the basic needs of children, but one that invests in each child to ensure that they have the greatest amount of support possible in order to be successful. To our foster families we offer agency paid respite, emergency assistance, initial clothing allowances, mileage reimbursement, assistance with children's extra curricular activities, higher reimbursement rates to meet the needs of children in care, and a true open door policy. We would love to have the opportunity to work with you and your family. Please feel free to contact at the phone number listed above and one of our staff will share with you how you can become a part of the Angelheart family.

Arrow Child and Family Ministries

Address: 231 East Main Street, Suite 100, Round Rock, TX 78664

Telephone: 512-388-2400

Website: www.arrow.org

E-mail: Amanda.andes@arrow.org

As an Arrow foster/adoptive family you'll receive training from our own biblically based curriculum, you'll have access to support 24/7. Join us for one of our informational meetings held the first Tuesday of each month. This is a great time to get to know us and have all your questions answered about foster care/adoption. We're a private, non-profit, Christian foster/adopt agency with eleven offices statewide. We work with children from infancy to 17 years of age. Even though we're one of the largest agencies in Texas, we try to maintain a personal, family atmosphere. Visit us at www.arrow.org and request a free information packet.

A World for Children

Address: 1516 E. Palm Valley Blvd. Bldg C, Round Rock 78664

Telephone: 512-218-4400 or 1-888-579-3880

Website: www.awfc.org

E-mail: allenr@awfc.org

A World For Children (AWFC) is a nonprofit, Christian based, foster care and foster-to-adopt agency, devoted to serving abused and neglected children throughout the State of Texas since 1997. We work in conjunction with Child Protective Services and Juvenile Probation to provide services to children from infancy to age 17 who are in need of a safe and loving environment. Our foster homes provide basic, therapeutic, habilitative, and primary medical needs care. Services for children include case planning, individual therapy, life skills training, and coordination of

assessment services, such as psychological evaluations, dental exams, medical exams, etc. We offer on-call assistance 24/7, monthly training, initial clothing allowance for new placements, mileage reimbursement, respite funds, an annual foster family picnic and foster children's Christmas parties in each region. We proudly serve families and children in every region and city in Texas.

The Bair Foundation

Address: 8840 Business Park Drive, Austin, TX 78759

Telephone: 512-346-3555

Website: www.bair.org

E-mail: nquinten@Bair.org

The Bair Foundation has remained true to the vision of its founder, Bill Bair since 1967. We are a non-profit Christian Foster care agency. The Bair Foundation is dedicated to placing children between the ages of 0 to 18 years of age with therapeutic needs. We recognize that each child is a special gift from God, therefore our mission is to place children and teens in homes of loving, Christian foster parents.

The Bair Foundation Therapeutic Foster Parents are technically trained families who provide specialized care to children with exceptional needs. Our foster parents are required to have on-going training in areas that will prepare them to effectively minister, and care for the children in their homes. Provided resources for our foster parents include 24-hour support from an on-call professional, mentoring programs, case management services, and respite, just to name a few. At the Bair Foundation we believe that every person with us is valued.

Camelot Community Care, Inc

Address: 1524 S. IH-35, Ste 218 Austin, TX 78704

Telephone: 512.444.0900

Website: www.camelotcommunitycare.org

E-mail: hshahan@camelotcommunitycare.org

Camelot Community Care, Inc, is a non-profit child placing agency that provides basic and therapeutic foster care services to children ages 0-17. We strive to recruit and train quality foster families, with a focus on diversity. While our primary goal is to place abused and neglected children into safe and nurturing homes, we believe the best way to accomplish this is through offering our foster parents

exceptional support and guidance. Camelot's office is located in Austin and we provide services to families and children throughout Central Texas.

Casey Family Programs

Address: 5201 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, TX 78741

Telephone: 512-892-5890

Website: www.casey.org

E-mail: hparks@casey.org

In 1966, United Parcel Service founder Jim Casey established Casey Family Programs with one simple objective: to offer children unable to live with their birth parents the opportunity to grow up in a stable, loving home. Today, we are a national operating foundation, passionate about our mission *to provide and improve—and ultimately to prevent the need for—foster care*. Casey's foster care program accepts children between the ages of 11 to 18 years old at the time of placement into a foster home. We will consider placement of children as young as age 6 but they must be part of a sibling group with one child in the group at least age 11. Drawing on four decades of front-line work with families and foster care alumni, we develop tools, practices, and policies to nurture all youth in care and to help parents strengthen families at risk of needing foster care.

Child Protective Services

Address: Numerous office locations: Austin, Round Rock, Lockhart, Bryan, Brenham, Killeen, Waco, Belton, and Burnet

Telephone: 512-834-3273, 800-233-3405, or visit www.adoptchildren.org

Website: www.dfps.state.tx.us

Region 7 Foster Care & Adoption Program– Children's Protective Services. The Foster Care and Adoption Program of CPS is a child placing agency that operates under the umbrella of the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services. As a state agency, we have no religious affiliation. The goal of our program is to "Protect the Unprotected" and our motto is "Children First: Safe and Secure". We accomplish this by recruiting, training and verifying foster and adoptive homes from within the 30 counties we serve. Our program serves children with basic level needs, ages 0-17. Our well trained and tenured staff provide on-going training and support to our homes. We are available 24 hours for emergency situations. We also provide 10 days of paid respite per year to our families. We have Foster Care/ Adoption staff

located in Austin, Round Rock, Lockhart, Bryan, Brenham, Killeen, Waco, Belton and Burnet.

FamilyLink

Address: 3755 S. Capital of Texas Highway #165, Austin, TX 78704

Telephone: 512-462-9821, cell 512-947-7306

Website: <http://www.family-link.org>

E-mail: mwilde@family-link.org

Do you have room in your heart and home?

Founded by adoptive and current foster parents, FamilyLink is a non-profit child placing agency that trains and encourages Texas families to open their hearts and homes to babies, children or teens through foster care or adoption. FamilyLink's vision is that the children that come into our care will be cherished and valued, and that they will know that God has an incredible purpose and plan for their life. Are you willing to go from the ordinary to the extraordinary? When you become a foster parent every day you are making a difference in the life of a child, which is an awesome thing! The on-going training and 24-hour crisis support by our highly qualified, caring staff will help you and the children make your journey together a successful one.

True religion is caring for orphans and widows in their distress. *James 1:27*

The Giocosa Foundation

Address: 2005 East Cesar Chavez Austin, Texas 78702

Telephone: 512-306-9241, Fax: 512-306-9242.

Website: www.giocosa.com

E-mail: laura@giocosa.com or glenn@giocosa.com

The Giocosa Foundation is a non-profit, child-placing agency caring for children ages 0 through 17. We are licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and have offices in the Houston, Austin, and Hutto areas. Our mission is to match children with loving and nurturing families so they may form mutually satisfying and healthy relationships. We are an inclusive agency with a diverse group of foster parents and staff.

Our view of treatment includes some fundamentals of humanism such as free will, expression, responsibility, purpose and meaning. Many foster children feel powerless over their lives because of the abuse and neglect they have experienced in the past. It is our goal to encourage these children to develop self-reliance as well

as positive self-esteem enabling them with the motivation and coping skills necessary to live productive lives.

Helping Hand Home Foster Care Program

Address: 3804 Avenue B Austin, Texas 78751

Telephone: 512-459-3353

Website: www.helpinghandhome.org

E-mail: kprock@helpinghandhome.org or kduck@helpinghandhome.org

Helping Hand Home for Children has provided a safe haven for the most vulnerable children in society for more than 114 years. We have responded to the needs of thousands of children who were homeless, neglected or abused and enabled them to rediscover childhood. Helping Hand Home for Children is the oldest continuously operating residential childcare agency in Travis County. Our Foster Care Program provides basic and therapeutic foster care for boys and girls ages birth to 17. Helping Hand Home was founded on the principles of providing safe and loving homes for children, a principle that remains true to this day. We have a small team committed to providing children a home where they can heal and grow while also ensuring our foster parents are supported and valued. We provide 24 hour on-call support by trained staff that every foster parent knows and trusts. Helping Hand Home Foster Care Program provides quality training, individualized for our foster parents' schedules and needs. We also provide qualified childcare for biological and foster children during training events. We value our foster parents and honor them with two days of paid respite per child monthly. Our foster parents are equipped with the knowledge and skills to meet all basic or therapeutic needs and we place emphasis on transitioning children from our residential treatment center to our foster homes. This transition allows the foster parents and children to establish relationships while also providing opportunities for the children to maintain connections with the direct care staff that initially helped them heal and transition to the foster home. Foster parents and children are provided continuous guidance from contracted therapists, psychologists and psychiatrists. Join our family and our enthusiasm for fostering hope and dreams when you foster a child!

Homes4Good

Address: 3030 E. 29th Street, Set. 108 Bryan TX 77802

Telephone: 979-774-5100, 979-774-5110 (fax) 1-877-260-1910 (toll free)

Website: www.homes4good.org

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Waco mwhitt@homes4good.com

Homes4Good is a non-profit, licensed child-placing agency based in Bryan, Texas. Finding permanent, loving homes for Texas foster children is at the heart of the mission of Homes4Good. With a core value of permanency placement through adoption, the agency provides adoption services, basic, habilitative, and therapeutic foster care as well as providing services to medically fragile children, ages 0 – 17. Areas served: Conroe, the greater Houston area, Waco, Bryan/College Station and the greater Austin area.

Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc.

Address: 8305 Cross Park Dr. Austin TX. 78754

Telephone: 512-459-1000

Website: www.lsss.org

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Lutheran Social Services of the South (LSSS) is a Statewide, non-profit organization. Our ministries include foster care, adoption, residential treatment centers, charter schools, services to the poor, senior services, and disaster response. LSSS is the largest provider of children's residential services in the state of Texas, with programs in 26 communities across Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. LSSS foster care program provides care for children of all ages and all services levels. We provide care for children designated treatment services, including Emotional Disorders, Mental Retardation, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, and Primary Medical Needs. LSSS Adoption programs include domestic, international, as well as adoption of children in foster care. LSSS provides tremendous support to our families which include extensive trainings, 24 hour support, representation on a state and national level, and a supportive respite program. LSSS Austin holds monthly support group meetings for foster and adoptive parents as well as for the foster, adopt and biological children in the home. The mission of Lutheran Social Services of the South is to provide help, healing and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

Marywood

Address: 4029 South Capital of Texas Hwy. Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704

Telephone: 512-472-9251

Website: www.marywood.org

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Marywood Children and Family Services is a non-profit organization that was established in 1921 whose mission is to provide programs that protect and support children and families. We provide foster care, adoption, post-adoption and informational services. Our Stepping Stones program is a residential program for homeless, pregnant and/or parenting women between the ages of 18 and 21 and their children. We serve as an information and referral source to pregnant or parenting families through our Lifeline program. Marywood certifies foster homes that care for basic level children from birth to 17 years of age and adoptive homes for both international and domestic adoptions. Marywood provides continuing support to our adoptive families, birth families, and adult adoptees through our Post-Adoption Services. We are currently licensing foster homes in Travis and adjacent counties. Marywood's dedicated staff offers direct supervision and support to our foster and adoptive families on a 24 hour basis. We are committed to assisting our families in parenting through ongoing training offered at our facility. We invite you to attend our information meetings which are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at our office at 6:30 pm. Marywood staff would love to have your family join our team in providing quality services to children in need of homes.

Methodist Children's Home

Address: 1111 Herring Avenue Waco, TX 76708

Telephone: 800-853-1270 or (254) 755-4684

Website: www.methodistchildrenshome.org

E-mail: sscott@mchwaco.org

Methodist Children's Home is a non-profit child care ministry that serves more than 700 children and youth daily through foster care, residential care, a Boy's Ranch and a transition services program. Foster care provides a temporary living arrangement for children until the parents are able to resume parenting. Children in care range from birth through 18 years of age. The foster care program at Methodist Children's Home is served by licensed, caring staff members who carefully plan for the child's care, monitor progress and adjustment to the foster home setting, support the foster family through frequent telephone calls and visits, and plans for the child's eventual return to the home. Foster families are licensed through Methodist Children's Home, which is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and accredited by the Council on Accreditation. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, visit the MCH website to download a foster care application or contact us by phone.

Pathways Youth & Family Services, Inc.

Address: 14205 Burnet Road, Suite 360, Austin, TX 78728

Telephone: 512-275-1285

Website: www.pathway.org

E-mail: suzette@pathway.org

Pathways Youth & Family Services is a private, non-profit agency that recruits, trains, and supports families to be foster and adoptive homes for children and adolescents who have been abused and/or neglected. Pathways was founded by foster parents and provides care for children and families in North, Central, West, and South Texas. Foster/Adoptive families are the most important member our Professional Treatment Team that also includes Foster and Adoption Specialists, Licensed Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, and other support staff. Pathways provides families with reimbursement according to the therapeutic needs of the foster child, pre-service and ongoing training, 24 hour crisis response, in-home therapeutic services, and an opportunity to join our mission in providing not only shelter but building hope in the lives of those who need it most.

The Settlement Home for Children

Address: 1600 Payton Gin Rd, Austin, TX 78759

Phone: 512-836-2150

Website: www.settlementhome.org

Email: bshrum@settlementhome.org

The Settlement Home for Children verifies both foster and adoptive families. We have been providing high-quality care for children from the greater Austin area for nearly 100 years. Our Foster Family Program provides basic and therapeutic foster-care and foster-adoption for boys and girls of all ages. We work hard to make the best possible matches for kids and our families. We have a small team of experienced, warm, and creative staff who provide support for our families and children twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This team also works with our consulting psychiatrist, psychologists, and nurse to continue our reputation for excellence in caring for the children and teens in our care.

In addition to finding homes for babies and children referred by the Department of Family and Protective Services, our Foster Family Program also places special emphasis on finding homes for the pre-teen and teenage girls who are moving out

of the residential treatment center and group home programs of The Settlement Home for Children. We invite you to join our team and our commitment to making a difference in the lives of children.

STARRY, Inc.

Address: 1300 North Mays, Round Rock, Texas 78664

Telephone: 512-246-4229

Website: www.starryonline.org

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STARRY is a Christian foster care agency dedicated to providing safe, loving homes for children in the state's conservatorship on a temporary basis. We license Christian singles, couples and families who love children, model competent parenting skills and enjoy a full enriching life that they want to share with a child.

At STARRY we serve basic and moderate children, ages birth to seventeen. We place a high priority on providing emotional, spiritual and practical support to foster parents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We offer quality training, a respite program, onsite counseling and additional financial assistance. We invite you to contact us to learn more about STARRY. We are eager to know you and hope that you elect to share in our mission to care for children in crisis.

"Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me." (Psalm 27:10)

Texas MENTOR

Address: 4150 Freidrich Lane Bldg N, Ste. G Austin, TX 78744

Telephone: 512-804-2338

Website: www.thementornetwork.com

E-mail: janna.hill@thementornetwork.com

Founded in 1980, The Mentor Network strives to give children the opportunity to receive services and supports in their own community, regardless of their condition, disability, or behavior. We are in over 37 states, working to find therapeutic foster or adoptive homes for children ages 0-17 from CPS, Every Child, TYC, Juvenile Probation, and MHMR. We pride ourselves on diversity and welcome families from different religions, cultures, and lifestyles. Our Austin office serves families in Austin, Round Rock, Leander, Kyle, Buda, Lockhart, Giddings, Del Valle, Bryan, College Station, Dale, and LaGrange; let us add your home to our growing list! You can expect us to provide you with free training, staff support 24 hours a day - 7 days a week, respite services when you need a break, competitive reimbursement,

monthly support groups, a personal Clinical Coordinator, be treated and respected as a member of our professional team, annual get-togethers, advocacy, and support from every member of our staff. You're not just another foster home at Texas MENTOR, you're family

Therapeutic Family Life

Address: 6400 East MLK Blvd, Ste 300, Austin, TX 78724

Telephone: (512)451-7310, toll free (800)394-4939, After Hrs Placements (800)575-5179

Website: www.tflife.org

Therapeutic Family Life, a Christian-based private non profit foster/adopt agency places abused, neglected, and hurting children in therapeutic and adoptive placements, which ensure that the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children are being served. We accept dependent, abused, neglected, adjudicated, delinquent, maladjusted, and hurting children ages from birth through eighteen in our Therapeutic Homes and Foster Group Homes. Therapeutic Family Life is dedicated to the goals of providing a therapeutic (healing) milieu to help children work through the emotional scars resulting from their physical, sexual, and emotional abuse or neglect, as well as their delinquent and maladjusted behavior. Regardless of the challenges, we are committed to offering the newest and most effective solutions and services available. We emphasize love, nurturing, self-discipline, responsibility, accountability, physical and spiritual development, community integration, partnership with schools, as well as a successful network of service providers. Therapeutic Family Life's philosophy involves minimizing the number of moves a child must make as a successful, long-term home is identified. We offer intra-agency placements if a behavioral phase of a child exceeds the capacity of the Caregiver. We take a prevention-first approach to challenges by providing on-going consultation and immediate intervention by highly qualified professionals 24-hours a day.