

Families for Kids

recruitment resources

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Hub Model for Foster Family Support

The basic concept is that foster families are organized in groups or Hubs of six to eight families.

One family serves as the center of the hub.

Each hub is organized by type of care, i.e. therapeutic, grade school age, teens, medically fragile, etc.

Support Services:

1. Regular meetings: Coffee hours, potluck dinners, social events, specialized trainings, book clubs, etc. The actual structure will vary from hub to hub. The overall purpose is for parents to get together on a regular basis to visit, share ideas, laugh, cry, etc.
2. Respite: Each group is responsible for their own respite. Once again, the hub sets the actual structure. The respite may be as simple as “Jeff goes to play at Alex’s house on Thursday’s so Jeff’s foster mom can run errands or go to lunch without kids”. It also could be much more structured for therapeutic foster hubs where one family is designated as the respite family for the group.
3. Shared resources: The hubs are organized by the type so cribs, books, car seats, etc. can be passed around as children ebb and flow from homes.

Lead Family:

1. Receives a small monthly stipend to cover expenses.
2. Report to the Regional Coordinator.
3. Is an experienced foster parent.
4. Coordinates all support services.

Goal:

The over all goal of a foster family hub is to build a self-supporting group of foster parents. Our purpose is to provide support, encouragement and accountability. However, these “HUBS” really need to operate as autonomous groups. They will be more successful if they drive their destiny.

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