

Evidence-based TFCO foster parents serve at-risk youth with impressive outcomes

According to a survey by the National Association of Social Workers, up to 80% of adult prisoners had spent time in foster care as children. Evidence-based TFCO model is addressing the problem.

[CITY], [STATE], [DATE] – When research reveals that children of foster care show a higher rate of homelessness, teen pregnancy, and criminal activity than their non-foster care contemporaries, it is crucial that communities find new ways to offer treatment that will improve outcomes for these vulnerable youth and children. [INSERT YOUR AGENCY’S NAME AND/OR PROVIDER’S NAME] have come together to address this issue by adopting an evidence-based program proven to produce impressive results. According to science-based randomized control trials, youth in TFCO foster homes have half the number of arrests as those in group care at follow-up, and TFCO youth have higher rates of desistance from adult arrests than those in group care.

Treatment Foster Care Oregon (TFCO) – formerly known as Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care – was developed as an alternative to institutional, residential, and group care placements for children and youth with severe emotional and behavioral disorders. Multiple valid scientific studies confirm a number of positive results. [ADD A QUOTE FROM YOUR AGENCY ABOUT LOCAL PROBLEMS OR NEEDS].

John Aarons, President of Treatment Foster Care Consultants, Inc. (TFCC), says “Randomized trials have confirmed that TFCO is effective in lowering youth criminal behavior and incarceration rates, youth violent offending, youth behavioral and mental health problems, running away, placement recidivism, teen pregnancy rates, and successfully contributes to foster parent retention and satisfaction.”

“Foster parents are impressive men and women, and without them our programs would not exist for youth in need of a family and treatment,” [QUOTE INSERT AGENCY STAFF NAME]

[INSERT YOUR AGENCY AND THE EVENT’S SPONSORS] are celebrating local foster parents at an appreciation dinner [ADD LOCATION AND TIME?].

[NAME A STAFF MEMBER IN YOUR AGENCY TO QUOTE] [STAFF MEMBER] says, “We need more local people willing to become real-life superheroes for our youth. A foster parent can change a child’s life, give them opportunities to have dreams, and reach their goals. Foster parents change communities, save communities—they are true superheroes.”

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