OUR COMMITMENT

◆ Extensive training for foster parents.
◆ Support staff available 24/7.
◆ Regular foster parent meetings.
◆ Daily contact between a member of the KCTFCO support team and the foster family.
◆ A family therapist committed to working with the biological family.
◆ An individual therapist committed to working with the foster child.

YOUR COMMITMENT

◆ Twenty hours of training.
◆ Attend a weekly foster parent meeting.
◆ Assist children in setting and working on goals and plans.
◆ Identify and reinforce the child’s strengths.

KIDS DO BEST IN FAMILIES!

MISSION Statement
Working together to achieve hope, healing and a meaningful life in the community.

VISION Statement
People with mental illness and addictions recover to achieve their hopes and dreams, enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

VALUES Statements
Hope, Healing, Community, Authority
We honor the potential in everyone
We value the whole person - mind, body and spirit
We focus on the person, not the illness
We embrace diversity and cultural competence
We acknowledge that relapse is not a personal failure
We recognize authority over our lives empowers us to make choices, solve problems and plan for the future

KCTFCO
KERN COUNTY TREATMENT FOSTER CARE
OREGON
(Formerly MTFC)

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Strengthening families and making positive changes for youth in Kern County

KERN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Working together toward
Hope, Recovery and Independence

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
Kern County Mental Health has been accredited by CARF for the following programs: Mental Health Programs - Case Management; Children and Adolescents - Case Management & Crisis Stabilization; Integrated Alcohol & Other Drugs - Case Management & Children & Adolescents - Case Management; Employment Services - Community employment Services
WHAT IS KCTFCO? (Formerly MTFC)

Kern County Treatment Foster Care Oregon (KCTFCO- formerly MTFC) is an alternative to residential group care for foster youth and youth on probation.

This is a short term (6-9 months) program that focuses on the strengths of the child and is based on the idea that kids do best in families. Twenty years of research shows that foster youth have a much higher success rate after participating in KCTFCO.

- We are looking for special families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to foster youth in Kern County
- Youth in foster care may face many challenges that require the support and expertise of various agencies. KCTFCO is a joint partnership between the departments of Kern County Mental Heath, Human Services, Probation, and most importantly the child, their family and the foster family. These groups work together as a team on behalf of the child.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Consistent reinforcement of positive behavior with a point and reward system
- Limiting access to anti-social youth
- Developing a “mentoring” relationship between youth and foster parents
- Intensive and ongoing supervision of youth

PROGRAM GOALS

- Reunify youth with their biological or adoptive family
- Break the negative communication cycle between family members
- Create an atmosphere for academic and community success

Serving Kern County Youth
Ages 13 to 18