

PATH Wisconsin, Inc.

Treatment Foster Parent Supports & Benefits

Around-the-Clock Access to Responsive, Trained Social Workers with Small Caseloads ~ PATH Wisconsin, Inc. work as team members to serve the needs of youth in care. Licensed, experienced Social Workers respond 24/7 to emergencies through our on-call system.

Value of Foster Parents as Integral Team Members ~ PATH was founded by treatment foster parents. Our history frames our relationship with foster parents as one of mutual respect, collaboration, and professional relationships.

Foster Parent Governance & Leadership Opportunities ~ PATH is foster parent governed, which means that foster parents elect other foster parents into Officer and Unit Representative positions to serve on our Board of Directors; side-by-side with non-foster parent Community Representatives. Foster Parents have the opportunity to serve in leadership roles on the Board and in committees, as well as other opportunities like presenting trainings, mentoring other foster families, etc.

Share & Support Groups ~ PATH parents meet monthly in groups in local areas where peer foster families lend support and understanding to each other.

Mentor Family Supports ~ Experienced PATH foster families are assigned to newly licensed families to offer support and help them “learn the ropes”.

Respite Care ~ Each foster family is given 24 days of respite per child, per year. This is an average of 1 weekend off per month, per child.

Professional Education ~ PATH offers frequent, outstanding educational opportunities at no or little cost to PATH foster parents in locations throughout the state.

Individual Education Funds & Scholarship Opportunities ~ Each foster family has their own educational fund to utilize for trainings outside of the agency, for travel costs, or for resources to improve their foster parent skills.

Recognition & Awards ~ Foster Parents work with Staff on a Recruitment and Retention Committee to recognize foster parents with annual foster parent of the year awards, foster care month recognition, Mother’s Day & Father’s Day recognition, and other individual recognition opportunities.

Outstanding Quality of Service and Care to Youth and Families ~ PATH is a founding agency of the treatment foster care model, of the national association of treatment foster care agencies, and of the national standards of treatment foster care. PATH is COA (Council on Accreditation) Accredited, the highest quality standards in child welfare and treatment foster care.

Interest-free Home Improvement Loans ~ PATH offers up to \$1,000 per family of interest-free loans to make home improvements related to foster care (e.g., new computers, additional bed rooms, egress windows).

Highly Competitive Reimbursement Rates ~ PATH Wisconsin offers multi-levels of care for children. Children with more challenges are reimbursed at higher rates.

Additional Funding Available for Special Needs Grants, Stepping Stones Grants, Youth Allowance & Clothing Allowance ~ PATH Wisconsin offers grants up to \$250 per child to assist with the “extras” to give foster children more “normalized” experiences, to assist youth in transitioning out of care, and to purchase needed clothing.