



Benchmark Family Services

Therapeutic Foster Care

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Who We Are

Benchmark Family Services is a network of professional, therapeutic foster homes and committed staff providing foster care services across Indiana and Kentucky.

Our goal is to provide stable, out-of-home placements for children in need, working with child welfare agencies to provide quality care to youth in the least restrictive setting possible as they work toward their goals. The results we see in the youth that pass through our care encourage us to carry on in our mission to give even the most traumatized and troubled kids a second chance and a safe and stable home.

Our Mission

Benchmark's mission is to work alongside referring agencies to provide stable and caring placements for youth in need of out-of-home care. We advocate for children by ensuring reasonable opportunities for healthy physical, psychological, and emotional growth in the most normal and least restrictive setting possible.

To this end, Benchmark will provide and coordinate programs and services in cooperation with referring child welfare agencies. Benchmark is committed to the highest standards of childcare and professionalism.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Social Work Intern

Principle Duties/Responsibilities:

1. Assists in the development of treatment plans including medication concerns with the input of family, legal guardian or significant others.
2. Provides case management services to foster children including but not limited to, advocating on behalf of the client and family with social service agencies, court, police, medical, school, and other mental health professionals. Conducts home visits and provides on-going assessments to ensure foster homes remain viable for placements.
3. Provides support to foster children and consultation to foster parents. May refer children for counseling, psychiatric and psychological services if indicated.
4. Complies with paperwork requirements as established by the state placing agency and Benchmark Family Services, Inc.
5. Provides stabilization services on a crisis basis to prevent placement disruptions.
6. Assist with child placing services, including identifying and contacting an appropriate BFS foster home and coordinating arrangements between the state placement worker and BFS foster home.
7. Participates in individual supervision, case conferences, staff meetings, and team meetings. May be asked to represent Benchmark Family Services, Inc. at community and civic functions and market the program.
8. Maintains knowledge of current trends and developments in the field by reading appropriate books, journals, and literature and attending in-services, conferences, and workshops.
9. Provides supportive service to a child or children with severe emotional, behavioral, or physical needs placed with our agency.
10. May provide therapeutic services OR plan and coordinate additional therapeutic services/interventions to a child or children with emotional, behavioral, or physical needs placed with our agency.