

# Comprehensive Foster Care (CFC) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### What is CFC?

*CFC is designed as a community-based stabilization service for youth in need of a highly structured environment with dedicated caregivers in a family setting. This program will offer an increased level of intervention and support beyond what is available through traditional foster care to children and youth of all ages. The CFC team will recruit, train and support caregivers who have professional skills and experience working with youth who have high acuity needs. Each CFC home will be a licensed foster home and assigned to a CFC Specialist who will work in conjunction with the CFSS for that youth. These homes will be required to accept and maintain placements upon DHHS request.*

### Who is eligible to be a CFC Provider?

*Anyone interested in becoming a CFC Provider must possess an active foster care license in the State of Nebraska. The CFC team will review foster homes who have expressed interested in providing CFC to determine if they have the appropriate experience, knowledge and skills to meet the needs of youth who will be placed in CFC homes.*

### What population does CFC serve?

*CFC will serve youth where placement was not able to be located through traditional foster care. These youth will range in age from 0-18 years and will have varying levels of need based on their unique circumstances.*

### What is the payment structure for CFC providers?

*CFC providers will receive the Nebraska Caregiver Responsibilities rate as appropriate for any youth placed into their home. Additionally, CFC providers will receive a retainer payment to be ready and available to take new placements as needed, provide mentorship to other CFC providers, and assist in recruitment of CFC providers. This ensures CFC providers will take placements upon DHHS request and maintain those placements – i.e. serve in a no-eject, no-reject capacity.*

### Will CFC include kinship foster parents?

*Foster families eligible to contract with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide this service must possess a valid foster care license to provide care and placement for any state wards in Nebraska. While this may include homes that have previously been a kinship home, the program is not intended to target kinship foster parents.*

### What training will be provided to the CFC homes?

*Once a foster home enters a contract with DHHS to be a CFC provider, they will complete 10.5 hours of initial training within two weeks. This training will be targeted at serving youth that have experienced trauma and have complex needs. Additionally, CFC providers will be required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of ongoing training each year. The training requirements of CFC foster homes are subject to change as the program grows.*

### How can I learn more about CFC?

*To learn more about CFC, you can visit our [website](#) or reach out to the team at [DHHS.ComprehensiveFC@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.ComprehensiveFC@nebraska.gov)*