



Going Above & Beyond for Foster Families

The quality of support that Bloom provides to the foster families and children in Georgia has not gone unnoticed. In 2016, the Department of Family and Children's Services Director of the Office of Provider Management recognized Bloom as, "one of the best foster care agencies in the State," and Bloom earned an A+ rating from the Department of Human Services for excellence in program delivery.

BLOOM SUPPORTS FOSTER FAMILIES BY PROVIDING:

- Free IMPACT training and certification
- Reimbursements for diapers, birthday celebrations, allowances, & more
- Free clothing, shoes, school supplies, hygiene items, toys, diapers, baby gear, birthday presents, holiday gifts, and seasonal items
- Outings to metro-Atlanta museums, parks, music and sporting events, and the Atlanta Zoo
- Quarterly date nights and social events such as picnics and pancake breakfasts
- A casserole dinner when a family receives their first placement
- 24/7 on-call access line and case management services, including coordination of state-provided child care, food, medical and dental care

Team Bloom

Foster parenting program

Research has shown that when foster children live in nurturing homes and receive the services they need, there is a much better chance of them succeeding in life. In the Team Bloom Foster Parenting program, Bloom provides a balance of services and support, and advocates for foster children and families using a family-centric approach.

On average, Bloom receives 150 referral calls per month for children in need of placement. "Our team recruits, trains, and supports a network of foster families in metro Atlanta who are willing to take in all types of foster children, including basic level foster children, as well as therapeutic kids who are medically fragile, and pregnant and parenting teen girls," comments Pamella Talley-Coney, Foster Care Program Director.

Bloom is currently seeking individuals who are willing to open up their hearts and homes to children who are the victims of abuse, neglect, and tragic circumstances. For more information on becoming a Team Bloom Foster Parent, please call Shannon Hoy at 770-460-6652 x 303.

Bloom University

In order to prepare and educate Bloom's foster parents, "Bloom University" provides monthly classes to equip them with the knowledge, training, and skills needed to address common issues that foster children face. For example, many foster children were neglected, abused, or even traumatized. Bloom provides foster parents with evidence-based, trauma-informed training in order to help them succeed in re-shaping the youth's lives. Also, because Bloom is licensed for medically fragile and therapeutic youth, many of our foster children need extra support. Bloom University is a valuable resource for foster parents to gain knowledge in managing a range of issues including caring for medically fragile children, ADHD, aggressive behaviors, anxiety, and depression.



Changing the Face of Foster Children.