

Treatment Foster Care (TFC) is foster care with structured therapeutic support. Children placed in treatment foster care need additional support, because of the trauma they have experienced, along with possible emotional or physical challenges.

Treatment foster parents work with a team to create a home environment that is healthy and supportive, as well as intensely structured, in ways that benefit children with special needs, such as the following groups:

- Sibling groups
- Youth transitioning from more restrictive treatment environments
- Developmentally delayed or medically fragile youth
- Youth who have experienced adoption disruptions and those needing permanent care arrangements
- Pregnant youth

Whether it is reconnecting separated birth families, creating a new family through kinship care, or introducing a child in need to his or her new adoptive family, UMFS can help.

### **TFC to Family Reunification/Kinship Care**

Reunification services focus on returning children to their families. Services are provided to help set up a strong support system for all participants during the transition period and for up to six months of follow-up care. Children may be reunified with birth parents, next of kin, or extended family members.

### **TFC to Adoption**

If the plan for a child is adoption, UMFS foster families may choose to adopt or help the child transition to an adoptive family. Post-adoption services are available to foster families who adopt their foster children.