

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Coordinated care of children with medical or emotional challenges
- Resource parents who are well matched to the needs of the child
- Ongoing training
- Access to 2-hour case management support



MAKING A REFERRAL

To make a referral or for information about becoming a resource parent, please contact the Apelah office nearest you or visit our website at www.Apelah.org.

MISSISSIPPI

Ridgeland

304 Highland Park Cove
Ridgeland, MS 39157
601.991.2224 or 800.243.3160

Hernando

2022 Oak Tree Cove
Hernando, MS 38632
662.429.3652

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CREDIBILITY • INTEGRITY • ACHIEVEMENT




APELAH
SPECIALIZED
FOSTER CARE



LOVE

Every day there are children born who, through no fault of their own, are stricken with a malady of our sometimes careless society. An infant suffering neglect from her drug addicted mother. A toddler whose poverty-ridden family simply can't afford critical, expensive medical procedures. A child bearing the physical and mental scars of abuse. Teens unable to cope with life's daily challenges because of mental illness, behavioral problems, or a chaotic home life. Traditionally, these are children on whom society has turned its back by placing them in hospitals or institutions simply because no one was there to care for them.



THE GREATEST HEALING POWER OF ALL.

Yesterday's cause for alarm is now replaced by today's cause for hope. Through Specialized Foster Care, a fully licensed child placement program, we can now provide a place of refuge and healing for these medically and emotionally fragile children. We can give them a place to receive the nurturing and care they need until they are strong enough to be placed in a more conventional home setting.

SPECIAL HOMES FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

At a Specialized Foster Care resource home, these children receive so much more than the necessary medical or behavioral treatment. Every day they will be exposed to basic human warmth and affection, allowing them to grow strong through experiences that most people take for granted. This warmth and affection plays a critical role in their full recovery.



Training is also key to the success of a placement in the modern resource home, which is why Specialized Foster Care provides support and instruction to resource parents from trained professionals. Our staff is always available to answer questions and to respond immediately to any concerns of the resource parents or the foster child. In addition, resource parents who participate in Specialized Foster Care receive reimbursement for care provided, which authenticates their roles as trained professionals who provide an important and necessary service.

Specialized Foster Care even welcomes foster placements from other states, especially cases in which appropriate foster care options are unavailable in the child's home state. Simply put, Specialized Foster Care is a powerful alternative anytime a child would benefit from the excellent, specialized care we provide.