



Foster Care and Community Programs Medically Fragile Foster Care - Indiana

Description

Medically fragile foster care involves placement of children with medical conditions that require frequent trips to various medical specialists, often beyond 40 miles from the foster home. The children also require specialized in-home medical care that requires specialized training for the foster parents to enable them to attend to the needs of children's conditions. Many medically fragile receive medical assistance from healthcare professionals in the foster home.

Population Served

Medically Fragile Foster Care serves children and adolescents, ages birth to 21, with complex medical conditions that require specialized care including, but not limited to:

- Feeding tubes
- Gastronomy tubes
- Breathing apparatus
- Colostomy bags
- Chronic medical conditions
- Home Health Nursing care
- Moderate to major medication administration.

Services

- 24-hour crisis assistance
- Specialized training on specific medical conditions
- Arrangements for home health care personnel
- Skills building for parents of chronically ill children
- Travel and lodging assistance for visits to specialists outside the day trip area
- Respite care.

Locations:

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