

## **Program Description for Release Foster Care**

Who We Are: Release Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and teens who need a safe and caring place to live. Our team is made up of people who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, and we work together to provide the support these young people need to thrive.

Who We Serve: We help children and teens from birth up to age 19 who are in the foster care system. These kids come from all kinds of backgrounds and might have faced tough situations, like neglect or trauma. We focus on providing them with a stable and loving home environment where they can feel safe and supported.

- Age Group: We serve children from newborns up to 18-year-olds.
- **Boys and Girls:** We welcome children of all genders, making sure everyone gets the care they need.
- **Special Needs:** Some of the kids we help might have special needs. This could mean they need extra help because of emotional or behavioral challenges, or because they have medical conditions that require special attention. We train our foster parents to provide the best possible care for these children, so they can grow and succeed.

What We Do: Our main goal is to find caring foster families who can provide a temporary home for these children until they can either return to their birth families or find a permanent adoptive home. We offer lots of support to our foster families, including training, 24/7 assistance, and resources to help them meet the unique needs of each child.

We also believe in keeping families together whenever possible. That's why we work closely with the children's birth families, offering support and guidance to help them create a safe environment for their kids. If returning home isn't an option, we help the children find a forever family through adoption.

We're here to make sure every child has the chance to grow up in a safe, loving home.

## **Other services:**

- **Mentoring:** Programs where caring adults guide and support young people, helping them develop life skills and confidence.
- **Mental Health Services:** Trauma-informed mental health support, including therapy and counseling tailored to the needs of children and families.
- **Social Work Support:** Assistance with connecting families to resources, offering education, and providing support to help navigate challenging situations.
- **Care Closet:** A service providing essential items like clothing, hygiene products, and school supplies to children in need, ensuring they have what they need to thrive.

Please see <a href="https://www.releaseinc.org">https://www.releaseinc.org</a> for more information