

Is there financial support for foster parents?

Yes, TNDI provides a reimbursement of about \$2100/month, per youth.

Do foster parents get time off?

Yes, TNDI provides parents with 2 paid days-off each month. Our respite foster homes provide support by caring for the youth during these times.

What is respite care?

Also called part-time care, it is when foster parents provide short-term or weekend care for youth who are otherwise staying in full-time foster homes. It is a lesser time commitment, but our respite foster parents are very important to the program and the youth.

Do I have to own a home?

No, that is not a requirement. But maintaining a clean and safe home is required, as well as having an extra bedroom just for foster youth.

How long does certification take?

Usually 3-4 months, but the length of time varies depending on the family's availability to complete training and the required paperwork.

What training is required?

TNDI provides 32-hours of pre-service training, which is a hybrid model of self-guided training and in-person training. It includes, but is not limited to: Collaborative Problem Solving, HIPAA, Cultural Diversity, Non-Violent Crisis Prevention and Intervention, Suicide Prevention and Prudent Parenting. After certification, 24-hours of training is required annually.