



## *After a family is found...*

As part of the Diligent Recruitment Grant, children being served by the Extreme Recruitment process offered by The Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition are eligible for on-going support services. These services can be accessed by the case manager, the foster parent or potential foster

parent, or any others involved in the case. A continuum of services is available at Children's Home Society of Missouri **free of charge** to children and families in this grant for up to two years after the Extreme Recruitment process. Our staff will be happy to talk with you about our services at any time – please call (314) 968-2350 ext. 223 or ext. 239.

### ***Specialized Parenting Education and Training***

Families being served by the Diligent Recruitment grant are eligible to attend kinship or STARS training through CHS without charge to the licensing agency. If it is deemed appropriate to the needs of the family, CHS staff are also available to provide one-on-one training towards licensure or on specific topics relevant to the care of the child. In addition, CHS provides educational seminars regarding such as topics as facilitating attachment, handling difficult behaviors, communicating the child's needs to others, preventing discord with the family, building self-esteem, parenting teenagers, post-institutional behavior, and understanding the birth family. These seminars are offered by highly qualified professionals with extensive experience in the adoption field and address subjects in detail to assist families beyond the training they would have received prior to placement.

### ***Individual and Family Counseling***

Youth are eligible for counseling services from a licensed counselor or social worker with experience in the needs of children who have been abused or neglected and who have now joined a new family through adoption or other means. These children and families have unique challenges as they work to blend the experiences of the child with those of the parents and form trusting, stable relationships. Call (314) 968-2350, ext. 241 or ext. 223 for more information.

### ***Therapeutic Group Support Services***

Therapeutic groups are designed to meet the needs of children with significant histories of abuse and neglect who are exhibiting behaviors that make social interaction, school functioning, and family life difficult. Additional groups are available for parents and grandparents acting as parents. Please call (314) 968-2350, ext. 241 for additional information or to register.

### ***Trauma Assessment and Psychological Evaluation Services***

Evaluations are provided by doctorate-level mental health professionals specifically trained in the administration and evaluation of standardized profiles. The focus is placed on gathering a “whole” picture of the child by incorporating past events, living situations, genetic information, and current functioning. Call (314) 968-2350, ext. 243 or ext. 223 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



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