

Part of a Team

Foster parents are the front-line caregivers, but are not alone. They are part of a team that includes the child's birth family, the CFS agency, and the professional staff at Knowles Centre.

The Treatment Foster Care Director and Coordinator are responsible for the program, as well as monitoring the development and implementation of clients' treatment plans and ensuring the provision of 24-hour on-call service for foster families.

The Clinical Case Manager (CCM) provides regular support, consultation, and supervision to foster families, and works as a liaison between foster families and child welfare agencies and birth families. The CCM is also responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the client's treatment plan.

Children in the Treatment Foster Care Program may access and benefit from the support programs at Knowles Centre, including the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, psychiatric consultation, John G. Stewart School, and Knowles Centre camp in the Whiteshell.

As well, Knowles Centre offers a family suite for arranged visits between clients and their birth families.

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About Knowles Centre Inc.

Knowles Centre is a community-based, non-profit social service agency for children, adolescents and young adults facing difficult times in their lives. It began as a home for boys in 1907, and today, provides group care treatment, treatment foster care, independent living, day treatment and sexual abuse treatment programs plus a range of support services to young people from Manitoba and other communities throughout Canada.

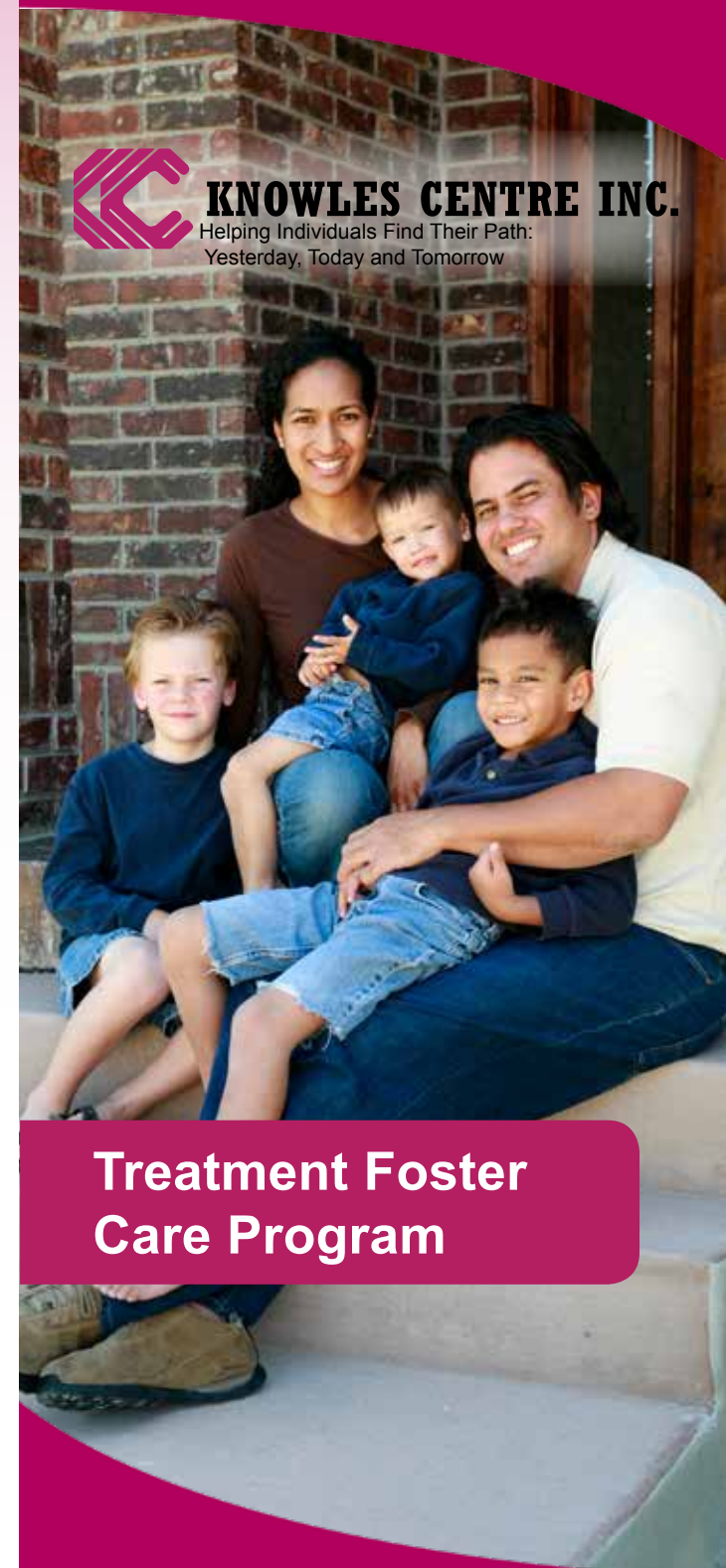
We offer a range of therapeutic and skills-based programs that help young people and their families to address past struggles, to develop healthier relationships and ways of life, and to reach their full potential in the future.

Knowles Centre is a registered, non-profit, charitable organization and is governed by an elected Board of Directors. Knowles Centre is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

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What is Treatment Foster Care

Treatment Foster Care is an effective model of care that brings together professional treatment services for children and youth who are overcoming difficulties with the strengths of caring individuals, couples, or families from the community.

We value attachment-based parenting, which promotes a secure, emotional bond between care providers and children, and positively impacts every aspect of a child's life now and in the future.

The Treatment Foster Care program is part of the continuum of care at Knowles Centre. Clients may be referred after a stay at one of our on-site or community group homes and may move on to our independent living program.



Children and youth may remain in Treatment Foster Care for a short time to several years, depending on their needs.

The ultimate goal of the program is to help young people develop their full potential and to return to their birth family or to live independently in the community.

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The Children We Serve

Knowles Centre's Treatment Foster Care Program serves both boys and girls, from newborn to 21 years of age.

Children may be referred directly to the program by child welfare agencies or through the Provincial Placement Desk, and may be from Manitoba, or other communities throughout Canada.

All the children in the program are unable to live with their birth families for a variety of reasons. As a result, many struggle with forming healthy relationships, acting-out behaviours, mental health issues, and unresolved grief and trauma.

Children can be helped in a family setting while they access the special help they may need.



Becoming a Treatment Foster Care Parent

Every foster family has something special about them. While some foster parents have some formal training or experience, all share a commitment to making a positive difference in the life of a young person.

Foster parents may live in Winnipeg or in rural parts of the province. They may be single or a couple with or without other children



living in the home. They are willing to learn about the needs of the children and to help them grow emotionally and change behaviorally, which often includes supporting connections with their birth family and culture.

To help foster parents with this challenging commitment, Knowles Centre provides 25 to 30 hours of initial intensive training. Ongoing training addresses important and timely issues, as well as provides opportunities for foster families to connect and develop informal support groups.

In addition, foster parents receive a high level of support, consultation, respite, supervision and financial compensation. On-call support is available 24 hours per day.