Benchmarks for Life
Serving Youth with Multiple & Dynamic Needs

Benchmarks For Life is a specialized program that serves adolescents ages 10-18 who are identified in having challenging social, emotional, and/or intellectual needs. Families provide an opportunity for the youth to learn and build coping skills, help overcome challenges, learn self care and teach community inclusion skills. SKSF will provide a full spectrum of support including training, certification, crisis intervention, and continual involvement with the foster family and youth to ensure successful placements and positive outcomes.

When foster youth “step down” or transition to adulthood, your home can provide the stability they need to help them live full independent and productive lives. SKSF will provide guidance, support and wrap around services to families to continue to provide care through the Adult Disabilities Waiver Program.

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Promote, Strengthen and Support Individuals with Disabilities, their Families & Caregivers

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We offer a FREE Foster Care Orientation every month to answer any questions.
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Serving counties throughout Colorado including Denver Metro, the Colorado Springs Front Range & Pikes Peak Region
WHAT IS A FOSTER FAMILY?
Foster families are a unique family unit willing to make a commitment to provide a temporary home to care for a child or children of any age whose parents are unable to care for them. Foster Families have the ability to impact a child’s life and help them with their past experiences that may involve abuse, neglect and loss.

The child’s stay in your home will vary with the circumstances. Emergency care can be as short as 24 hours, while longer placements can last a year or longer. Most placements are short term. The goal is for the child to return home when their parents are able to care for them. If children aren’t able to return home, and other relative family members aren’t available to care for them, then some foster families decide that they want to adopt.

WHO DO WE SERVE?
- Youth of all ages; especially teens and sibling groups
- Children and adolescents with developmental, physical and/or cognitive disabilities
- Children who have experienced abuse, neglect and/or abandonment
- Youth with gender identity issues
- Older youth aging out of care as they transition to adulthood
- Children with special health care and medical needs

Often the children we serve require a structured setting and committed efforts from our staff, community programs and loving foster families to work on challenging behaviors.

Foster a Child
Make a Difference
Join Our Team

SERVICES PROVIDED
- Staff support and Home Supervisor assigned to provide guidance, training and compliance
- 24-hour on-call services
- Agency events that include opportunities for social and recreational interaction (picnics and yearly holiday event)
- On-going trainings & educational support
- Fosterzette Newsletter
- On-site supervised visits
- Medicaid coverage is often received to pay for the child’s health care needs
- Donation bank (clothing, other needed items available as needed)
- Tax-exempt financial reimbursement for care