Foster4Love

Advocates for children in foster care



"In order to help our children heal, we must understand and address the differences in their brain, body, biology, and beliefs."

Dr. Karyn Purvis



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Foster4Love Introduction:

- 501c3 nonprofit organization
- Founded in 2017 by former foster parents
- Started with small community supported programs based on needs we experienced as

foster parents

- Growth over the last year has allowed us to open small clinic to support our medical model
- Great local community support and connections (Kennesaw, Cobb and Metro)
- Prepared to accomplish so much more in 2019/2020



Foster4Love Purpose:

- Advocates for children in foster care
- Connect departments across nontraditional barriers
- Connect services to best practice community providers
- Fill gaps in the process
- Develop long lasting partnerships
- Create self sustaining programs
- Cultivate healthy donors and supporters



Foster4Love Programs:

- Ms. Princess' Birthday Boxes
- Caseworker Appreciation
- Meet the Need
- Events; Such as Back2School Bash & Christmas Party
- Assist Cobb County DFCS with Secret Santa
- Medical Model/Service Coordinators
- Education TBRI, Conferences, IEP/504 assistance



- Community Outreach churches, businesses, colleges, nonprofits community leaders
- Advisory Board "Meeting of the Minds"

Our Clinic Model:

When a child enters care and is brought to our clinic. The child receives the following services:

- Medical exam vaccines, ASQ, hearing/vision tested and evaluated for lice-treated if found.
- Dental basic cleaning. Any further dental work will require an appointment.
- Trauma Assessment
- OT/ PT/ SLP evaluations scheduled at the clinic if needed. All records are sent to Babies can't wait for children we are unable to see in the clinic.
- Therapy closet We loan weighted blankets among other therapy items.
- Any child that receives a diagnosis from our team will receive education for the case worker and all care takers on what the child needs to be successful in school. We will assist in setting up IEPs and 504 plans. We will refer to the child to another nonprofit to handle after the plan is set up.
- The child may continue services at the clinic and have the same providers. If this is not an option, then we will help set up services with partnered providers in their area.



We continue to secure records and follow all children that DFCS or foster parents ask us to follow if they do not remain at our clinic.



Why the kids need the Foster4Love Medical Model:

Current Problem: Lost, incomplete or nonexistent medical records and lack of quality medical care with a holistic and trauma informed approach.

The Foster4Love's "one stop solution" integrates multiple providers under a single source of "truth" as F4L's EHR and partner providers result in an integrated record repository, reducing long term cost, over medication, and duplication of services due to lost records. This also helps DFCS by ensuring the children are receiving medical care and all records are received. All providers look at the whole child not

just the part they specialize in.



Why we need the Foster4Love Medical Model:

Our providers view the child holistically and through a trauma informed lens.

We simplify the medical care process and provide clarity to all parties involved with the child.

Our providers become the constant person in the child's life. They will continue seeing the children after they return home. This helps with he transition for the child.

Documentation for court such as a health care summary is provided to the caseworker.

With the right plan in place case workers, CASA and GAL are able to advocate for a proper care plan for the children with all the medical facts available.



How you can support us:

- We ask that the department continues to encourage the social workers to use our clinic for these children.
- To make our model self sustaining we would like to make our Service Coordinator positions billable. Similar to Babies Can't Wait but for "Foster Children Can't Wait."



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