

Foster Care & Adoption



The Marsh Foundation provides a continuum of care that includes a Foster Care Program and adoption. The Marsh believes that all children have the right to love, protection and to be cared for by a committed family.

The Marsh Foundation's Foster Care Program provides service to youth from birth to age 18. In Family Foster Care, trained foster parents provide care for youth of all ages in need of a

safe placement. In addition, we dually license families as both foster and adoptive homes. These homes are then legally able to provide placement for both foster and adoptive children in case they are open to the possibility of adoption in the future.

Clinical Services & Activities

The Marsh Foundation offers an array of clinical services to clients. Services can include individual counseling, group counseling, family services, community support programs and/or home-based services.

The Marsh Foundation employs a full-time activities coordinator to plan and coordinate events and projects for the youth. These activities are designed to contribute to a holistic treatment approach. Youth participate in team building, garden activities, community service projects, 4-H projects, nature study, an extensive horse program and athletics.



The Marsh School



The Marsh School offers its services to those living in group homes, in foster homes and special needs students from the community. The school is a chartered member of the Lincolnview Local school system. Academic teachers are assisted in the classroom by school family teachers who provide behavioral treatment in the classroom setting.

Approach to Care

The Marsh Foundation offers a safe, structured and supportive environment to teach life skills, provide therapeutic services and promote healing. The importance of stability through permanency planning is emphasized throughout service and treatment planning. There are two approaches to treatment in which our staff is trained. However, trauma informed care influences the practice in all of our programs.

The Marsh is a supportive member of the Teaching-Family Association and is committed to the Teaching-Family Model of care (TFM). Programs emphasize the positive teaching of functional skills and behaviors. It is a combination of low tolerance for poor behaviors and high praise for good behaviors.

The Marsh also utilizes Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (CPI). The fundamental purpose of CPI is to understand and recognize the process of behavior escalation and implement effective techniques in reducing the tension of an agitated person.

How May We Serve You

The Marsh Foundation provides high quality services at reasonable and competitive per diems. If you would like to learn more about The Marsh Foundation's group home or foster care programs, visit our website, or call (419) 238-1695 ext. 360.



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Group Homes & Foster Care



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Group Homes at The Marsh Foundation



In addition to large, three-story brick group homes, The Marsh Foundation's expansive 1,400 acre campus features an administration building, a school, auditorium, a greenhouse, gymnasium, pond and garden among other things. The homes all feature recreation rooms and private bedrooms. In recent years, they've also been remodeled.

Three of the group homes are gender-specific and licensed to house up to 10 children, ages 7-17. One of these is dedicated to The Marsh's program for male juvenile sex offenders. The homes are staffed 24-hours a day by highly trained family teachers who consistently provide behavioral treatment using the Teaching-Family Model. The homes are multi-staff secure, including awake overnight staffing.

A fourth home has a program geared toward independent living and is licensed for six males, ages 15 and older. The less-restrictive environment provides a great option for step-down care within our network.

After meeting specific treatment goals within the group homes, children may be able to step down to a foster home within The Marsh Foundation's continuum of care. Or, they may be ready to return home with their family.



Certifications and Credentials

- Certified, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Certified, Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Certified, Juvenile Sex Offender Program by the Ohio Department of Youth Services
- Accredited, Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
- Supportive Member, The Teaching-Family Association (TFA)
- Member, Foster Family-Based Treatment Association (FFTA)
- Member, Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA)
- Member, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Eligibility, Title IV-E reimbursement
- Eligibility, Medicaid reimbursement for clinical services

“The Marsh program is the standard I use to judge other programs and placement agencies. Every staff member cares about the children placed at The Marsh. The clinical staff is dedicated, knowledgeable and willing to advocate for the students. The level of compassion is unmatched in any other facility.”

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