



Presbyterian Children'sSM
Homes and Services
of Texas and Louisiana

Foster/Adoptive Parent Benefits

WHY CHOOSE PCHAS FOSTER CARE?

- Multi-discipline Foster Care team with 200+ years combined experience
- Efficient licensing process expedites foster care certification
- Comprehensive training provides foster parents with specific strategies for parenting children who have experienced trauma
- Simple and practical techniques help you have more fun and less stress while you care for your child
- 24-hour on-call emergency assistance (support from PCHAS' Clinical Services team and Critical Response staff)

WHY CHOOSE PCHAS ADOPTION?

- Caring, committed and experienced social workers provide a personal touch
- PCHAS offers services to support and encourage families while they are waiting to adopt a child
- PCHAS offers post-adoption services for those seeking assistance
- PCHAS stays connected to other providers, including Texas Department of Family Protective Services, in order to collaborate to place a child (This helps reduce waiting time for couples who want to adopt)

PER DIEM

Foster/Adoptive parents are reimbursed a daily amount, called a "per diem," to help cover the cost of food, clothing, hygiene supplies, transportation expense, recreation, gifts and other basic needs of children in care. This rate is determined by the Level of Care.

<u>LEVEL OF CARE</u>	<u>PER DIEM RATE</u>
Basic	\$26.00
Moderate	\$43.00
Specialized	\$56.00

RESPITE/OVERNIGHT CARE BENEFIT

PCHAS provides foster/adoptive parents the opportunity to take up to 2 nights of paid respite/overnight care per month, based on availability of alternate care provider. (The alternate care provider is also paid the daily rate of the child's level of care.)

FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT TRAINING

PCHAS offers several opportunities for free training that is required by the State, and, when possible, free childcare is provided. Training includes *Trust-Based Relational Intervention*. It is a proven model for childhood behavioral problems stemming from the effects of abuse and neglect on a child's brain development. It has been successful where other models of care have failed. It is based on neuropsychological research for children who have experienced traumas such as institutionalism, multiple foster placements, maltreatment and/or neglect.

my faith FAMILY

PCHAS can offer your church a step-by-step model to wrap themselves around your family to love, care, and support you to provide hope and healing to hurting children in foster care.

MISCELLANEOUS

Periodically, other seasonal, temporary, or one-time benefits become available to our foster/adoptive parents, such as Christmas gift donations, special events, projects etc.