

# Therapeutic Care

There are more than 5,000 foster children in Texas with therapeutic needs.\*

## What is therapeutic care?

Buckner Foster Care and Adoption is licensed for two levels of therapeutic foster care: Moderate and Specialized.



**Moderate and Specialized Therapeutic Care** involves caring for children who may have one or more of the following needs:

- Nondebilitating medical conditions
- Behaviors or conditions requiring regular therapy appointments
- Increased level of supervision
- Behavior intervention solutions

Buckner provides additional support and resources to therapeutic foster care families.

\*Texas Department of Family and Protective Services



## Buckner Foster Care and Adoption options:

Our dedicated staff will walk alongside you, helping you plan for your family's future. The options we can help you with include:

- Foster Care
- Foster-to-Adopt
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Kinship Care
- Waiting Texas Children
- Domestic Infant and Child Adoption Program
- Post-Adoption Services

Do you have questions? We encourage you to attend one of our free information meetings in your area as a great first step in your journey. Virtual information meetings are available.

To learn more about these options or to get started, head to [buckner.org/fostercareadoption](https://buckner.org/fostercareadoption) or call 1-855-264-8783.



# What are the biggest needs in foster care and adoption in Texas?

## CARE OF OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENS

- In Texas, more than 1,000 kids age out of foster care each year.\*
- There are more than 9,000 kids age 12 and older in foster care in Texas.\*



## CARE OF SIBLING GROUPS

- 7,253 sibling groups in the state of Texas are currently in foster care.\*
- 35% of siblings are separated while in foster care.\*



# Michael and Candy Palmer followed the call to **keep siblings together.**

**T**here are more than 7,000 sibling groups in the state of Texas alone who are currently in the foster care system, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Of those, 34.9% are not placed together. Caylin Palmer shares how her and her siblings lost hope in ever being adopted together after they'd been in foster care for about five years.

*"We all made a pact that we wouldn't get adopted if we weren't all together. I had lost all hope of being adopted. So, we just thought we'd age out of the system together. The fact that we were*

*all adopted together was just incredible."*  
-Caylin Palmer

*"I think keeping siblings together, it probably helps them have some normalcy, because you think they have been moved around from home to home and who knows if they got to stay together in foster care. But being able to stay together as a family, I think it was really important to our*

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*kids to be together and be a family...I think we see it in our kids, especially our older ones that are in college now, that they're the first ones in their family to be in college that they know of. So, we've given them a future and something to look forward to. They have something to come home to, holidays, birthdays, those kinds of things. That's hope when you have something to look forward to."* -Michael Palmer

*"We're all supposed to do something. That's for sure. That's scriptural and that's absolute. Not everybody is equipped*

*to take in four kids at one time, but you want to follow God's will. You have to determine what He's telling each individual person each day."*

-Candy Palmer

The Palmers followed God's will for their life, and they changed the trajectory of their children's lives forever. How is God calling you?

**Watch the Palmer's testimonial video on Buckner's YouTube channel here:** [youtube.com/bucknerintl](https://youtube.com/bucknerintl)

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