

**So much can be done  
to help restore trust  
in a child's life.**

What would happen if  
one caring adult  
helped a child see...



**...the infinite possibilities**

*Consider becoming a foster family to  
a child needing a loving home.  
San Mar has an exemplary group of  
case managers and staff who are  
dedicated in working  
with our foster families,  
supporting the foster parents  
and the child.*

*You can make the difference  
for a child in need,  
when you are part of a  
great supportive team.*

*Join us in the journey.*  
**Call today. 301-733-9067**

**The Needs and  
Where You May Fit**

Ask how you may  
partner with us  
to impact the life of  
a child or teen.

- Tutor a child or teen
- Mentor a youth
- Share a skill or talent
- Provide a little respite to our foster families
- Become a foster parent
- Volunteer
- Adopt a child
- Donate needed items
- Give your financial support



*Cultivating Hope and Well-Being in  
Children, Families, & Communities*

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**Just reach out....**

**Join us in the journey  
and touch a child's life.**

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*We believe all children  
should be nurtured,  
educated, and connected.*

## The Children We Serve

Today for many reasons there are children who cannot live with their moms and dads, children who may have been recently placed in foster care or have been moved from home to home, not always having their needs met. Children in care range in age from birth to 21 years old.

Referrals come from different parts of the State of Maryland. Both boys and girls are placed in our foster care provider homes. Long-term or permanency plans are always considered for each youth. For this reason, visitations with the child's biological family may occur during placement, in hopes of returning the child to a healthy home and family at some future date. In other instances, a child may need a permanent family, an adoptive home. We welcome your questions and look forward to meeting with you. Call us to arrange a time to talk. You may reach us at (301) 733-9067.



**Children need support and guidance**

**...and opportunities to grow**



## Requirements for becoming a foster parent

*San Mar Treatment Foster Care Providers must meet approval requirements set by San Mar & Code of Maryland Regulations*

Some of the requirements include:

- Foster parent(s) must be resident(s) of Maryland, living within an approximate 30-mile radius of the Boonsboro offices
- Foster parent applicants must be 21 years of age or older, single or married.
- Applicants and every member of the household, 18 years or older, must be fingerprinted for a criminal background check and cleared by Child Protective Services.
- A child support clearance must be conducted
- Applicants must be able to meet their family's financial obligations.
- Applicants are requested to provide three references.
- All household members of the individual or couple seeking certification shall have an initial medical examination at the time of application, by a qualified Maryland physician which includes a) an analysis of a tuberculosis test or x-ray and b) testing for any other communicable disease. Reexaminations are required at least every two years after the initial examination along with tuberculosis test.
- The applicant's home will be inspected by the State Fire Marshal. If the family moves while still licensed with San Mar an additional inspection will be required for the new residence.

## Requirements continued...

- An Environmental Health Approval of Water and Septic Systems is required. If you have public water and sewer service, there is no cost. If you have a well and a septic system, families will need to pay the county for these inspections.
- The children's sleeping and living quarters shall provide for privacy, study at home, and storage of clothes, toys, and individual possessions.
- Proof of Home and Auto Insurance
- Current and ongoing vaccines for all pets
- Have a working telephone system
- A treatment foster parent must provide transportation services, have access to public or private transportation to transport a child to all services, and drivers must possess a current, valid driver's license and submit a non-certified copy of his/her driving record.
- Completion of CPR and First Aid training and ongoing recertification is required.
- Applicants must complete 30 hours of pre-service training. Training is provided by the agency.
- Once licensed each provider must complete 24 hours of training annually at a minimal rate of two hours per month.

## Financial needs met

Providers are given a tax-exempt stipend to meet the needs of the child. They are also given a tax-exempt difficulty of care payment. All medical needs of the child are paid by the state through a managed care organization to which the child is assigned.