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## **Sunbeam Invites Community to Open Hearts, Homes to Children in Foster Care Nonprofit seeks 15 families to provide safe, loving homes for children and teens**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Sunbeam Family Services is calling on the community to make a lasting impact on the lives of children in foster care. The nonprofit is seeking 15 additional individuals or families willing to open their hearts and homes to children and teens of all ages, cultures and backgrounds.

“Becoming a foster parent with Sunbeam means you’re never alone,” said Destyni Trayler, Senior Program Director at Sunbeam. “From your first inquiry to every child welcomed into your home, our dedicated team walks beside you—offering expert guidance, heartfelt encouragement, and unwavering support every step of the way.”

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam has supported children in foster care and foster families since the 1930s. Foster parents provide children with a temporary safe, loving environment where they feel secure and supported. By offering a consistent and nurturing presence, families help children grow, feel valued and build brighter futures.

Sunbeam’s foster care program offers comprehensive support, including:

- 24/7 access to foster care experts
- Priority placement in Sunbeam’s free Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- Priority access to trauma-certified therapists for children and families
- Mental health consultation from clinical staff
- Free trauma-informed training, both online and in person
- Connection to respite care
- \$50 gift card per child placed; \$25 for emergency placements
- Parent Night Out opportunities for drop-in child care
- Holiday toys and annual family celebration
- Quarterly care packages for foster children

Sunbeam welcomes foster parent applications from all individuals and families, regardless of marital status, sexuality, gender identity, gender expression, religion or race. Foster parents may be single, married, divorced or widowed, and may already have children in their home.

The foster care process typically takes about three months to complete, though timelines may vary. To foster with Sunbeam, applicants must:

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Own or rent a house or apartment
- Complete free pre-service training provided by Sunbeam
- Have a working vehicle and cellphone
- Be able to manage personal and household financial needs without relying on foster care reimbursement
- Be in good physical, emotional and mental health
- Be willing to comply with all Oklahoma Department of Human Services policies

“Working with Sunbeam Family Services to help meet our community’s needs has been a tremendous experience for our family,” said Sunbeam foster parent Callie Collins. “We’re grateful to have the opportunity to teach our children about local needs and what it means to truly care for others. I’ve seen my sons grow alongside children in our care, and the family life we’ve created has enhanced their understanding of people’s unique needs.”

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org).

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#### About Sunbeam Family Services

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam’s mission is building brighter futures with all children and families. Sunbeam, a United Way of Central Oklahoma Community Partner, is one of Oklahoma’s longest-serving nonprofits. To learn more, call (405) 528-7721, visit [SFSok.org](http://SFSok.org) or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.