

Foster Family Consultant (Metro Atlanta Area)

FaithBridge Foster Care

FaithBridge Foster Care is a Christ-centered nonprofit that partners with churches to launch foster care ministries, trains foster families and volunteers and contracts with the government to place children in stable and supportive foster homes. FaithBridge is changing the way America does foster care by mobilizing, organizing and equipping local churches to solve their community's foster care crisis through Christian foster care ministries and the FaithBridge Community of Care™. The FaithBridge model also includes family consultants who act as a liaison with government agencies and offer spiritual insight and support to the foster families. By providing unparalleled support to foster and birth families, FaithBridge shares God's life-changing love in the midst of crisis, and together, we stand in the gap with children and families.

Position Summary

The Foster Family Consultant (FFC) is our unique version of the case management role within a child placing agency. FFCs work closely with DFCS and the juvenile court system to manage children's deprivation cases toward permanency. They participate in matching foster children with foster families during the placement process. They ensure each child's safety, permanency, and well-being while in foster care through home visits and frequent involvement with the child, foster family, and birth family. FFCs support birth family reunification efforts through birth parent visitations and intentional birth parent support. FFCs promote foster placement stability through foster parent coaching, 24/7 support, service coordination, spiritual guidance, treatment planning, and crisis intervention. FFCs advocate for each child's best interest by attending all court hearings, panel reviews, family team meetings, educational meetings, and other meetings related to child's case.

Responsibilities:

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Requirements:

 Strong clinical knowledge, particularly in the areas of childhood trauma, family-systems and substance abuse

- Experience working with foster families and children required
- Strong coaching/counseling and crisis intervention skills
- Experience with GA+ SCORE and SHINES preferred

Education/Certification:

- Bachelor's degree in human services field, including but not limited to social work, psychology, behavioral science, counseling, ministry or theology
- Georgia RBWO Foundations certified or waiver eligible is beneficial preferred

Other Requirements:

- This position may require training and/or work on nights and weekends.
- Subscription to and integration of the vision, mission, and core values of FaithBridge.

Skills and Abilities:

- Strong interpersonal skills, maturity and sensitivity to cultural and individual differences in clients along with proven leadership qualities with influencing and negotiating skills
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work within a treatment team
- Ability to handle job related matters in a professional, diplomatic and confidential manner
- Knowledge of community resources and services
- Ability to organize and execute responsibilities in an independent manner
- Possesses the spiritual gift of discernment
- Physical and emotional stamina to effectively handle job related issues and stress
- Flexibility to offer 24/7 support to families and accomplish tasks as needed after normal business hours
- Ability to physically transport self and clients, including children of approximately 30 pounds, to various locations

Interested in applying?

Please send your resume, cover letter and statement of faith to careers@faithbridgefostercare.org. For more information and to learn more about FaithBridge Foster Care, please visit www.faithbridgefostercare.org.