

# Enhanced Support for Foster Parents

## *Foster Parent Feedback*

“This program has provided me with great support as a foster parent. It has helped us as a foster family to be encouraged and renewed to be able to better serve the foster children in our community.”

*-Tricia Flanigan, DHS Foster Parent*

“This program has provided me with a heightened level of education and support as a foster parent over the last year, creating a better experience for the foster youth I serve. Their support has helped me enjoy a more rewarding experience as a foster parent and has contributed to my desire to continue to stay involved in the State’s foster care system.”

*-Carlos Gonzalez, DHS Foster Parent*

“As foster parents for over five years with BGAID, we were excited to be one of the first families to participate... Oregon offers very few unique opportunities like this for youth to grow. This program has allowed our current youth to blossom from a shy, reclusive youth to an outgoing, responsive, responsible young man who loves school and enjoys his time in the program. This program truly is a unique and sustainable model of the future in therapeutic foster care in Oregon.”

*-Nathan Ramos, DHS Foster Parent*

“I feel this is a much needed resource, and we are so grateful to be a part of it. I am learning from others in the program, and I feel very supported. With a program like this, my husband and I would be willing to continue being foster parents. Again, this is a much needed program for foster families as they provide respite, training and support.”

*-Kara Porterfield, DHS Foster Parent*

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