North American Family Institute, New York (NAFI-NY) Information Sheet

**NAFI-NY’s Wraparound Program** is a therapeutic foster boarding home program that “wraps” clinical and social services around children and youth placed in therapeutic foster homes. NAFI-NY’s Mission is to positively impact the lives of the youth, families, and communities in which we serve, creating a mission-drive, interactive community with pro-social values that empower and ennoble the children and families in our care.

**Who is a part of the NAFI-NY therapeutic foster care family?**

**Children and Youth**

We accept referrals from the Department of Social Services for children and youth who would otherwise be sent to treatment facilities like psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment facilities, secured detention facilities, and group homes.

We believe that if children can be in community they should receive proper support system similar to what they receive in these facilities. We believe that every child/youth has the capacity to change for the better with the proper supports.

We serve youth that might have serious abandonment issues, may have been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused, might have mental health issues, behavioral problems, are developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, and/or medically fragile.

**Foster Parents**

**NAFI-NY** is looking for foster parents who are dedicated to our Mission, and the value statement that “all people can improve with the proper support system”.

We need foster parent(s) that:

* Are financially sound, and can pay their home expenses.
* Have a bedroom available for each NAFI-NY child; i.e. 1 child/youth, per bedroom.
* Are patient with our children/youth and know how to work in partnership with our treatment teams.
* Will transport our children/youth to appointments and family visits
* Will attend foster parent trainings and support groups
* Will attend NAFI-NY sponsored events for our children/youth and families
* Are creative, committed and flexible

**What NAFI-NY offers the therapeutic foster care family?**

* 24/7/365 therapeutic support services meaning that in times of conflict each child/youth and foster parent has access to a licensed clinician over the phone and if need be in person.
* Team set up: each child/youth will be assigned a clinician and a case manager that work as a supportive team
* Non-traditional therapy: our therapeutic interventions vary depending on the needs of the child/youth or family. We are creative in our intervention implementation utilizing play therapies, drama therapy, and specialized treatment interventions for specific behaviors or traumas.
* Case managers provide concrete services like school registration, initial medical appointment scheduling, recreational programs, etc.
* Independent living skills implementation by an independent living skills specialist who works with every youth aged 14 and over to help them transition into adulthood
* Psychiatric medication monitoring and management
* Foster parent trainings and support groups, and one-one support to foster parents through Home finding department
* Supervision at biological family visits
* Assessments, recommendations and referrals for additional social and community services
* NAFI-NY sponsored events and outings for children/youth and families

**How can foster parents apply?**

Please visit our website www.https:/NAFI-NY.com/fosterparents for applications and more information, or call 585-208-9331 or email aprilmclean-mccoy@nafi.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!