



Care for Children with Developmental Disabilities



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Long-term, 24-hour residential care for non-ambulatory children ages 0-21 with significant medical needs, offering individualized habilitation programs to maximize physical, emotional, and educational growth.

Short-term, 24-hour respite care for non-ambulatory children ages 0-21 with significant medical needs, offering flexibility and support for families.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL LIFE

FamilyForward believes all individuals, regardless of disability, deserve the opportunity to lead a full life in their community. Children with developmental disabilities may have substantial functional limitations related to self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. FamilyForward Children's Homes in Brentwood and St. Charles provide comprehensive and coordinated care for these individuals in a warm, stable, and supportive environment.

Long-Term Care at FamilyForward Children's Homes

- Long-term, 24-hour residential care for non-ambulatory (reliant on a wheelchair for mobility) children ages 0-21 with significant medical needs. Typical diagnoses include cerebral palsy, seizure disorder, shaken baby syndrome, and profound cognitive deficit. Many of the children are non-verbal or have limited verbal ability to express their needs.
- Individualized habilitation programs maximize physical, emotional, and educational growth. Strength-based activities and interventions focus on safeguarding the overall wellbeing of each child.
- Through collaborative efforts with parents, guardians, teachers, case managers, therapists, and other health care professionals outside FamilyForward Children's Homes, children in residential care are provided the varied supports needed to achieve their full potential.

Short-Term Care at FamilyForward Children's Homes

- Short-term, 24-hour respite care for non-ambulatory (reliant on a wheelchair for mobility) children ages 0-21 with significant medical needs. FamilyForward Children's Homes recognize that the families of these children face unique challenges and stressors in providing care and accessing support. By offering temporary relief to families who provide physically and emotionally demanding care for their children, the agency seeks to reduce the need for out-of-home placements.
- Flexibility and support for families in an encouraging environment that gives children receiving respite care time for positive social interactions with other children and adults.

GETTING STARTED

Call **314.918.0492** or email intake.dept@familyforwardmo.org to learn more about long- and short-term care for children with developmental disabilities offered at FamilyForward Children's Homes in Brentwood and St. Charles.



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OUR MISSION: FamilyForward moves vulnerable children in the direction of hope by delivering comprehensive therapeutic and educational services to support biological, foster, and adoptive families.

