

Toward Maximum Independence

An estimated 1 in 6 people are born with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Just like you, they are also born with hopes, dreams and the drive to contribute to society. Toward Maximum Independence (TMI) is a nonprofit organization that has been dedicated to transforming the lives of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1981 and the deaf and hard of hearing since 2000. The individuals we are privileged to serve deserve nothing less than love, acceptance and the opportunity to reach their full potential in life.

It is our mission to provide personalized services to those who require support, enabling them to make informed choices regarding how they live, work and function productively and independently in the community.

What We Believe

The three cornerstones of a strong foundation are: living as independently as possible, having the opportunity for real work for real pay, and a safe, caring home. We are honored to be able to help lay that foundation for our hundreds of clients throughout San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties.



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INDEPENDENCE
TRANSFORMING LIVES

Become a Resource Family



IMPACT A YOUTH'S LIFE

Can you provide a caring home to a youth with special needs? As a licensed Resource Family Agency (RFA License #370603102), Toward Maximum Independence (TMI) believes all youth belong in families. We strive to find resource families for youth with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are unable to remain with their family of origin. Youth thrive when they feel safe, secure and loved. It is our goal to recruit resource families that can offer these comforts that should be afforded to all youth.

Potential resource families attend a TMI Resource Parent Orientation to determine if our program would be a good fit for you and your family, as well as best meet the needs of the youth we serve. Once you are accepted as a TMI resource family and a match is made with a youth, resource families receive the following:

- Monthly financial and respite stipends
- Comprehensive orientation and extensive ongoing training to fulfill annual training requirements
- In-house autism spectrum disorder certification
- Pro-Act certification
- Resource parent support group meetings
- 24/7 emergency support
- Facilitation of shared parenting relationships and communication between parents of origin and resource parents
- Master level social work support
- Assistance at medical and psychiatric appointments
- Behavioral support provided by a licensed clinician (when appropriate)
- The satisfaction of being a positive influence on a youth in need of care, love and a sense of belonging



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

We have youth waiting for a caring home. These youth have a variety of needs, but all require families concerned with their overall well being. Some placements are temporary, while others could lead to adoption and family for life.

While the State of California has a number of requirements for resource families, the following are initial TMI requirements:

- Be over the age of 25
- Pass a Criminal Background Check
- SAFE assessment including all family members residing in the potential resource home
- Have a regular source of income to support your own monthly expenses
- Have at least one available bedroom
- Have a car, valid car insurance & a clean DMV report
- Have some flexibility in your schedule to accommodate the resource youth's court ordered visits, therapy, and medical appointments
- Your home must pass a state required Home Safety Check
- You must supervise youth, including teens, when they are not in school or in supervised activities
- You may be single or married
- You may own or rent your home or apartment

GET STARTED TODAY

Please contact us today to attend a New Resource Parent Orientation should you wish to learn more about becoming a resource parent for a youth with special needs. You can make a lasting impact in a youth's life, as they will in yours. We thank you in advance for making a difference!