The best thing is being able to build such a close relationship with children and giving them a loving home.”
– Michelle R. (Foster Parent)
Lakemary’s Specialized Foster Care program is designed to provide living situations for youth (ages 5-21) with intellectual/developmental disabilities whose needs cannot be properly met at their natural home. Our foster care placements serve as a more focused-care environment while encouraging the involvement of the youth’s family. This program is also an alternative to a group residential setting. The idea of fostering a child with disabilities may seem intimidating but Specialized Foster Care is designed to support these arrangements to ensure they are successful.

Children placed are eligible for the HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver which allows for significantly better financial support as compared to other foster services. In addition to an intellectual/developmental disability, these children may have mental health needs or other behavioral concerns impacting their daily functioning.

“The program is a close knit community including networking with other parents/families” - Beth W. (Foster Parent)

“With time, hard work, building a trusting relationship, and a loving commitment, you will make a great difference in these children’s lives.” -Michelle R. (Foster Parent)

If you have ever had interest in becoming a foster home, Lakemary’s Specialized Foster Care is the most complete program available in the state. Supports include:

- Individualized assistance throughout licensing, training, and placement
- Collaboration in matching the right fit for placement
- Exceptional reimbursement rates
- Specialized training
- Close-knit network of other foster families

These are long-term placements and being able to watch the children grow and prosper over the years and to receive the love they give in return is an invaluable experience. Specialized Foster Care through Lakemary provides joy to all of those involved.
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