

# The Rees-Jones Center for Foster Care Excellence. Bringing together hope, health and healing.

The Rees-Jones Center for Foster Care Excellence serves the unique health care needs of children living in Texas foster care due to allegations of abuse or neglect. Core programs in integrated clinical care and community development aim to improve every child's well-being while he or she is in foster care.

Each core program serves children in foster, kinship and group homes, as well as residential treatment centers, to ensure, as a community, we offer the best possible care. The Center brings together health care, child welfare, research and advocacy experts, along with experienced caregivers, to help all children in foster care begin a lifelong path of healing and hope.

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**“Going through something so drastic in our family was the hardest thing I’ve ever been through, but it’s taught me how beautiful kids really are and has really helped me grow.”**

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*- from a biological parent after reuniting with her child*

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The Rees-Jones Center for Foster Care Excellence is dedicated to the recovery, rehabilitation, health, health care and well-being of children in foster and kinship care.

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“From the moment we walked in the door until we left, we were greeted with a smile and exceptional service. Everyone... made our children feel comfortable and that they were all loved, safe and no different than any other child.”

*Adoptive parents*

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# The Rees-Jones Center for Foster Care Excellence.

As part of Children's Health<sup>SM</sup>, the Center offers three core programs:

## Clinical Program

The Rees-Jones Center for Foster Care Excellence, in affiliation with UT Southwestern, provides medical and mental health care for over 1,300 children in foster care. The Center is transforming to provide a new integrated, team approach to care – the first of its kind in Texas – to serve communities in North Texas. Early childhood specialists, mental health professionals, nurse coordinators and CPS liaisons work with primary care providers to ensure a child and family's health care needs are supported, communicated and continued no matter where a child resides. Services include comprehensive medical, developmental and mental health care, tailored treatment plans, caregiver education and support, and health care transition services before and after exiting foster care.

## Academic Program

As the science of traumatic and toxic stress evolves, UT Southwestern and Children's Health<sup>SM</sup> are committed to identifying cutting-edge interventions that can improve outcomes and reduce the adverse impact of abuse and neglect on a child's lifelong health. Through health services research, policy analysis and medical education, The Center's experts ensure ongoing advancements in the care of children in foster care for years to come.

## Community Development Program

Children in foster care depend on supportive, nurturing communities to help them recover from the trauma of abuse and neglect, and the uncertainty inherent to living in a transient system. Through The Center's Community Development Program, the team reaches out to

caregivers, child welfare professionals, CASAs, judges, attorneys and other advocates to promote best practices in meeting the unique health, education and recovery needs of children affected by abuse and neglect. Cross-discipline trainings encourage collaborative problem-solving at a local level, while also uncovering emerging or systemic issues that require statewide advocacy. A key to improving foster care services for children and young adults is broadening community support and engagement. The Center is committed to bridging advocates across communities on behalf of children in foster care, a commitment aligned with the Children's Health mission of making life better for children.



## Clinical Services

The integrated team includes:

- Pediatricians
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- Child Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Early Childhood Specialists
- Therapists
- Nurse Coordinators
- CPS Healthcare Liaisons
- Community Outreach Liaison

Integrated services include:

- Medical and mental health shared treatment planning
- Primary care including well visits and same-day sick visits
- After-hours primary care sick-call phone triage\*
- Trauma-informed psychological assessments
- Focused, trauma-informed individual and family psychotherapy (e.g., Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, etc.)
- Child psychiatry services
- Early childhood developmental assessments
- Parenting support and education
- Medical and mental health care transition support
- Collaboration with CPS, court teams and community advocates
- Nutrition and Child Life support
- Health care coordination with specialists, home health, schools and others
- Past and current health record reviews

*\*For current patients*

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