

TABLE 1. Adaptations to TFCO Model for Implementation in Public Mental Health System

Adaptation Needed	Method/ Key Staff Involved	Deliverable
Designating TFCO as a mental health service separate from Child Welfare foster care services	MDHHS Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families	Crosswalk document detailing state-level differences between Children’s Therapeutic Foster Care Medicaid service and Child Welfare Treatment Foster Care
Establishing the concept of a Mental Health Home in Michigan, separate and distinct from traditional foster care homes	Shifting language and designation for TFCO treatment homes within Department of Child Welfare Licensing (DCWL) license process and protocol	Establishment of TFCO treatment parents in Michigan as Community Mental Health contracted staff, referred to as “Therapeutic Parents” in Michigan
Adapting TFCO model language to Michigan Medicaid service language	Orientation and learning for TFC clinical consultants, cross training between model and Medicaid service	Glossary of Terms
Blended credentialing for Therapeutic Parents as state-licensed homes and contracted mental health providers at Community Mental Health agencies	Key stakeholder collaboration within MDHHS Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families and the Child Welfare division	Blended credentialing for Therapeutic Parents as state-licensed homes and contracted mental health providers at Community Mental Health agencies
Meeting Department of	Stakeholders within MDHHS Child Welfare	Ongoing consultation

<p>Child Welfare Licensing requirements: agency staff training, audit and reporting requirements, and communication best practices</p>	<p>division engaged to cross training and technical support to clinical sites</p>	
<p>Legal caregiving designation for child while receiving TFCO services</p>	<p>Distinguishing differences between legal guardianship and role of the Therapeutic Parents</p>	<p>Consent-for-treatment forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish TFCO as a voluntary Community Mental Health service • Protect legal parental rights of Aftercare Family • Outline responsibilities for Aftercare Family including participation in treatment and facilitating routine medical care • Establish medication administration and emergency medical care parameters for Therapeutic Parents
<p>Blended eligibility criteria that met TFCO fidelity standards and CTFC Medicaid billing criteria</p>	<p>TFCO Leadership team review of Michigan Medicaid Manual requirements and TFCO model eligibility requirements</p>	<p>Medical Necessity document; Screening and Referral document</p>
<p>Educational designation allowing for</p>	<p>Michigan Department of Education, MDHHS Division of Mental</p>	<p>Application of the Suitable Housing statute to children</p>

child/youth's enrollment in the Therapeutic Parent's school district that does not require a change in legal custody

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Including Wraparound in partnership with TFCO as a requirement for SEDW

Establish role clarification for intensive care coordination activities and a shared vision for TFCO and Wraparound service plans

Imbedding Wraparound section in TFCO clinical training; technical assistance webinars; TFCO clinical training for Statewide Wraparound Coordinator from MDHHS