

ABOUT MAREAS.....

The name Mareas, is derived from the Latin term for Tides/Waves. Having a deep affinity for the ocean tides, and the life sustaining, healing and playful properties of the ocean both physically and mentally, the name seemed a natural fit for the work we do. Families are fluid and forever changing and we often ride the emotional waves of each of the stages.

At Mareas, teamwork is at the pinnacle of our service. We hand pick team members based on their expertise passion and commitment to children and families. Together we bring all of our personal and professional experiences to the clinical team table, to help each child and family that comes to Mareas. We believe whole heartedly that drawing from personal life experiences coupled with knowledge and expertise from a variety of sources helps the children and families we work with find success, with programs tailored for their personal needs.

In addition to our Foster Care Program, Mareas offers a variety of Therapeutic Services including therapy, CYC Support, Adoption Services, Therapeutic Access and Therapeutic Groups.

WHAT WE PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH

- Initial Intake- Placement Assessment with certified Therapist (following 30 day stay)
- Dedicated one to one care to work on personal goals
- Bi-Weekly Therapy/Counselling Sessions per month with Clinician
- Annual Activity Fund to support child/youth's interest in arts, activities, sport or camps.
- 1 Therapeutic Group (6-8 week program) per year (based on the need of the child/youth)
- 24hour Crisis Support
- Dedicated Case Manager
- Annual Family Photo
- Mentorship Program for Youth in Transition
- Birthday Recognition - 2 hour Supervised Access with Biological Family
- Annual Child/Youth Celebration

WHAT WE OFFER OUR FAMILIES

- Honorarium between \$60-\$75/day for the care of each child/youth in the home
- 7 day paid vacation without child/youth or 7 day paid vacation with child/youth plus respite pay
- Quarterly Paid Respite (48hrs)
- Dedicated, experienced case manager to assist with plans of care, family needs and act as a liaison with worker and community partners
- Inclusive Team environment and open placement matching process
- Monthly Team Support Meetings and Training on relevant and current issues for kids in care
- 24 hour - 7 Days a week dedicated Crisis Assistance Line to manage urgent issues related to the child/youth
- Mediation/Negotiations Response Team for High Conflict situations
- Annual Foster Parent Recognition

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Let us help dispel some myths, and get the real facts about how fostering **can** fit your current family dynamic, and how you can make a difference in someone's life and enrich your own family's life.

