



FOSTER CARE

It's not just the child's life that changes



Foster care is the temporary placement of a child in a new home away from his or her family due to being unsafe. Children are placed into foster care for a variety of reasons; abandonment, abuse or neglect, or the incarceration or hospitalization of a parent. Placement in a foster home protects the child while ongoing social workers provide the biological family with resources and skills to be safe and effective parents to have their child returned to their home.

Basic qualifications of Foster Parents:

- Be at least 21-years-old
- Pass a criminal background, child protective services, and caregiver check
- Possess sufficient verifiable sources of income
- Meet physical home environment requirements and have homeowner's/renter's liability insurance
- Have bedroom space for a foster child
 - A foster child one and older cannot share a bedroom with an adult
 - Children six and over whom are of opposite gender cannot share a room
- Participate in professional training
 - 30 hours first two years of licensure
 - Yearly ongoing training
- Be willing and able to work with and respect the child's biological family
- Have love and patience to share
- Be invested in the future of our community's children

A **foster parent** must be committed to providing a safe and nurturing family environment for the child/teen until he or she can return home to live with their biological family. Foster parents are expected to attend to and meet a child's individual needs and be meaningfully involved in all aspects of the child's life: school, therapy, social network, culture, and others. Foster parents are expected to meet with the social workers and work with the biological family when appropriate.



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