

The Children's Home Foster Care Program

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child... Become a Foster Parent!



*“Building Loving Families”
through responsible parenting.*

What is Foster Care?

Licensed Foster Care provides children with substitute care promoting health, safety and welfare, while their parents resolve problems that required the child to be out of their home.

What are the goals of Foster Care?

Reuniting Families: Assuring adequate care while children are away from their homes through professional support services.

Placing Children in Adoptive Homes: When return home is inappropriate for a child, adoptive homes are provided.

Assuring Guardianship: When return home or adoption is not a choice, guardianship is an option.

How can I become a Foster Parent?

Foster parents **must be licensed** before a child can be placed in their home. All processing and licensing is **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Licensing requirements are as follows:

- Must be 21 years of age or older
- Must pass a background check
- May be single or married
- Must have safe housing and adequate space for a child
- Must pass a simple medical examination
- Must attend **FREE** pre-licensing training classes.

What are my responsibilities as a Foster Parent?

- Providing a nurturing home-life that promotes acceptance through safe housing and everyday essentials such as food, clothing and shelter.
- Following through with medical, dental and optical exams, monitoring medications and maintaining ongoing pertinent paperwork. A medical card is provided to the child.
- Advocating for the child in the school setting.
- Supporting the child's connections to their birth family.
- Becoming part of the team of professionals working with the child and promoting the goal as specified by the team.

Foster Parent Benefits

- Love, protect and nurture children.
- Role model family life.
- Support family relationships.
- Give back to society.
- Gain personal satisfaction, personal growth and personal education.
- Become a team player in helping families reunite.
- Become part of success stories in helping to reunite families.
- Become part of a support group for foster parents.
- Strive for quality in caring for foster children.
- Receive reimbursement for care of the child.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, please call Marti Siebenthal at 309.687.7301.

