



Share Your Life, Love, and Family...Become a Foster Parent!

Could you provide a temporary safe haven where children can be protected, nurtured and loved? Each year more than 4,000 abused or neglected children cannot remain safely with their families. Foster care is

designed to be temporary, with a goal of reuniting children with their birth families through supportive programs. In some situations, children are unable to be reunified with their families. In those cases, we work with foster families to provide permanency through life-long connections in families and communities.

General Foster Parent Requirements:

- Be 21 years old
- home inspection & social assessment
- 27 hours of training
- criminal background check
- financially stable
- provide medical reports

Supports Foster Families Receive:

- family caseworkers
- health insurance coverage for child
- therapy and crisis support services
- training programs & support groups
- a monthly stipend
- daycare, after-school care support
- access to DCFS staff

Most importantly, foster families must be able to support the goal for the children placed in the home and assist in the reunification of children with their parents.

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