

HOW DO I BECOME A FOSTER PARENT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILDREN?

Children Services works closely with several agencies that provide foster care services for Franklin County children when placement is necessary.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent should contact a foster care provider agency. Several are listed on the FCCS website www.fccs.us/foster-care or call the **Franklin County Foster Care line (614) 275-2711** to receive a list of agencies.



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WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

When youngsters cannot safely live with their birth parents, they may live for a time in foster care. Foster care is the temporary placement of children with families or individuals outside their own homes due to abuse, neglect, or family problems that compromise their safety.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- All foster parents must meet state licensing requirements before being approved.
- You must be at least 21 years old and have space in your home for additional children and a stable income.
- Foster parents can be married, single, or non-married couples.
- You can own or rent your residence.



WHO ARE THE CHILDREN NEEDING HOMES?

Foster parents are needed for children of all ages but especially for:

- African-American children
- Teen boys and girls
- Sibling groups
- Children with emotional and behavioral problems

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Each month foster parents receive a reimbursement check to cover the cost of caring for the child. The amount is based on the age and needs of the child. Medical and dental expenses are also covered.

THE FOSTER CARE PROCESS?

The first step to becoming a foster parent is completion of the required training to help prepare for fostering. A home study will also be completed consisting of background checks, including fingerprints, references and a credit check. This process will involve several interviews with a social worker to help learn more about your family and decide what type of child would best fit into the home.

Once the home study and training are completed and you are licensed, the process to match you with a child begins.

Once placed, children stay in foster care until they can safely return to their birth family or another relative or adoptive home. Most children return to their birth family or relatives within a year. Sometimes it takes longer.



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