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# Media Advisory

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## **Foster Hope, Foster Love, Foster Franklin County** *Foster Families Needed for Teens*

May is National Foster Care Month and hundreds of children served by Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) need loving families to provide safe and stable, temporary homes for them. There is a particularly great need for homes for teenagers. These youth are just like others their age with favorite activities, friends, challenges, and goals for the future—They're just in foster care. FCCS is focusing on the similarities between foster youth and other youth with our "This is Me" campaign.

In addition to teens, FCCS has a particular need for foster families for sibling groups and youth with health and behavioral challenges. When out of home placement is necessary, the agency makes every effort to place youth in the least restrictive environment possible. Foster homes offer them support, stability and the chance to receive the care of a loving adult.

Anyone over the age of 21 with a stable income can become a foster parent and they will receive the training and support necessary for them to provide a stable home. To learn more about qualifications and how to connect with a foster care agency visit [www.fostercare.fccs.us](http://www.fostercare.fccs.us) or call (614) 275-2711. FCCS partners with various foster care agencies to provide homes for Franklin County's children. Every child deserves a safe and loving home in which they can grow and flourish.

*Franklin County Children Services is the public agency mandated by federal and state law to ensure that our community's children are safe and well cared for. We provide protection, care and permanency for children who are abused, neglected or dependent. With the help of more than 100 organizations, 800 employees, 500 kinship families, 200 adoptive families, 500 volunteers and mentors and hundreds of foster parents, FCCS is committed to making sure that every child has a safe and stable home.*

## **Franklin County Children Services**

*Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.*