



Commonly Asked Questions About Becoming a Foster Parent



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Do I need to be a certain age?

Non-relative foster parents must be at least 21 years old. In some circumstances, relatives can become foster parents at 18 years old.

Do I need to own a home?

No. Many foster parents rent homes or live in apartments.

Do I need to be married?

No. Single people or non-married couples can become foster parents.

My partner and I are a same sex couple. Can we foster?

Absolutely! We welcome all people as foster parents, regardless of your sexual orientation or gender identity.



Does there need to be a stay-at-home parent for us to foster?

No. Many foster parents work full-time outside of the home. You will be required to have an appropriate plan for child care should the children in your home need it. Reimbursement for childcare is provided in most scenarios.

Do I need to have biological kids or parenting experience to become a foster parent?

No. Many people who do not have children become foster parents.

Will I be required to work with biological parents?

Absolutely! Reunification is always the goal when children enter foster care. Our foster parents are asked to take a shared-parenting approach with children's biological parents.

Can I foster if I have pets?

Yes. Many foster homes have pets. Each child's needs are different and some children do well in homes with pets, whereas others are better off in homes without. This is one of the many things we utilize when determining best placement matches.