

HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Foster care is designed to be a temporary living situation for children and youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or the death of their parent/caregiver.

Foster families take children into their homes and hearts, creating a safe and secure place to grow until reunification. For some children, an alternative permanent home must be found, those foster children may be placed with relatives, an adoptive family or with a legal guardian.

TO BE A FOSTER PARENT YOU MUST:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have sufficient income to support themselves without relying on foster care payments.
- Discipline children in a positive manner without the use of physical punishment.
- Provide supervision appropriate to the age or specific behavior of the child as outlined by the social worker.
- Complete training: First Aid/CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens, Licensing Orientation, Pre-service Training
- Any adult living in a potential foster home must: (1) Complete a background clearance check with the FBI and Washington State Patrol (2) Submit tuberculosis tests dated within the last year.
- Youth ages 16 to 18 in the household must complete a Washington State Patrol check.



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