



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT?

Our foster parents come from a variety of backgrounds, but share a dedication to helping children who need a loving home and support. Because our foster parents are essential to the well-being of the children we serve, we carefully screen every prospective foster parent.

Eligible foster parents must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Have a steady income (may include SSI, public assistance, pensions. Unemployment benefits do not apply.)
- Have an apartment/residence in your own name
- Be in good physical condition and be physically able to care for foster children

Foster parents must then:

- Attend an orientation
- Complete an application
- Complete our background check and child abuse clearance form, as well as get fingerprinted (required for everyone 18 years of age living in the home)
- Schedule a home visit
- Complete training and workshops
- Participate in a home study
- Provide current medical records and other supplemental documents



The New York Foundling

Since our bold beginnings in 1869, The New York Foundling has supported hundreds of thousands of our neighbors on their own paths to stability, strength, and independence. With an internationally-recognized and interrelated set of research-backed services, The Foundling works in partnership with children, families, and adults in New York and in Puerto Rico who are working to create transformational change in their own lives.



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Become a Foster Parent with The New York Foundling

Enhanced Family Foster Care



With The Foundling's **specialized training**, you can **provide stability for children and teenagers** that have experienced trauma.



ABOUT FOSTER CARE

Foster parents support the child until reunification occurs by sharing the responsibilities of parenting with the birth families. This includes:

- Ensuring the child's social, emotional, physical and educational needs are met
- Providing a safe, nurturing, loving and supportive home
- Serving as a positive role model
- Working with The Foundling to reunite the child with their family and when that's not possible, ease the transition into adoption or kinship guardianship
- Using programs and models - such as Trauma Systems Therapy (TST) - that are proven to strengthen families and support children through major behavioral and emotional challenges.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Foster parents are responsible for the day-to-day aspects of parenting, as well as:

- Transporting the child to all visits scheduled between the child and their biological family.
- Transporting the child to therapy and evaluation appointments, when needed
- Transporting the child to all medical/dental appointments, these will vary depending on the child's age and medical condition.
- Transporting the child to court hearings as needed.
- Involving the child in community resources, such as after-school programs, summer camp, etc.

PARENT SUPPORT

Foster parents have the opportunity to provide love and compassion where it is most needed. Parents are given the opportunity to provide life-changing guidance, resulting in an exceptionally rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Benefits and resources include:

- A monthly stipend
- Medical insurance for foster children
- Childcare vouchers
- WIC grocery assistance for infants
- Potential tax credits
- Specialized training
- Access to 24/7 phone support
- Access to Foster Parent Advocate and monthly support groups

Foster parents are supported by a committed team of Foundling professionals to promote the well-being and development of the child in their care.

Depending on the child's needs, they will be supported by a team that may include:

- **Case Planner:** Coordinates all services and serves as the foster parent's advocate
- **Family and Child Therapist:** Provides psychological therapy each week
- **Educational Specialist:** Provides advocacy, resources, and support within the child's school
- **Sociotherapist:** Works in partnership with children with therapeutic needs to improve social and behavioral skills
- **Mentor:** Works with older children to provide emotional support and guidance



"It's great having someone who is there to listen and doesn't judge. I feel truly supported."

- Raquel, Child in Foster Care

"[The Specialized Training] was so important. I learned so much."

- Wanda, Foster Parent

"No kid is unreachable - they just need those people who are willing to make a connection with them."

- Elizabeth, Foster Care Supervisor

Be Kind. Be Brave. Be a Foster Parent.

Contact us to get started:

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