

Why would I become a Foster Parent?

- ↪ To share your energy and your enthusiasm with a particular child
- ↪ To work with us in helping children and parents in our community.
- ↪ To help a child while learning new skills.



Have you ever thought of becoming a Foster Parent?

If so, please call us today.

Foster parents and their families work with our social workers as part of a team providing safe and nurturing environments for children in our care. Foster Parents open their homes and share their lives with children who are unable to live with their own families.



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BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT

***"OPEN YOUR HOME-
OPEN YOUR HEART"***



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- provided to one child
- ↳ Respite - providing a break or relief to other foster parents.

Are there Different Types of Foster Care?-Yes

Regular Foster Care

Nurturing and protection of one to four children who are under the responsibility of the agency in the home of foster parents who have been assessed and approved by FACS Niagara.

Kinship Foster Care

Nurturing and protection of “related” children who are under the responsibility of the agency in the home of **Kin** who have been assessed and approved by FACS Niagara. The home is approved for the “related” children only and is closed on the removal or replacement of the children.



Who are foster children?

- ↳ Foster children range in age from infancy to 18 yrs and come from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds.
- ↳ Many foster children are teenagers; some brothers and sisters.
- ↳ Some foster children face physical, emotional or mental challenges.

What is Foster Care?

Foster parents provide a temporary home for children who are in the care of a Children’s Aid Society.

Children may need foster care for just a few days, a week, several months or possibly years.

It is often unpredictable to know how long a child will be in care.

Who are Foster Parents?

Foster parents come from all walks of life and ethnic backgrounds.

They may be:

- ↳ Older couples.
- ↳ Single people.
- ↳ Experienced parents with grown children.
- ↳ Young couples raising their own children.
- ↳ Parents with training in child care or related professions.
- ↳ People with no special background in child care.
- * All have a genuine interest in children, flexibility in their lives and a sense of community responsibility.

George and Lillian enjoy the company of their granddaughter



- * They enjoy the challenge presented by foster care.

Are there different opportunities for Fostering? - YES

- ↳ Short term - emergency placements
- ↳ Long term - months or years of care

What supports are available?

Initial and ongoing training.

Foster parents are required to attend a comprehensive pre-service training Programme.

Funding

FPA Support Meeting



All foster parents receive a non-taxable financial reimbursement to cover daily costs of caring for a child. Clothing, medical, dental and

school expenses are also covered.

Staff Support

All foster parents have the support of individual case managers for the children in their home and dedicated resource support staff. They can also have access to trained child and youth workers who provide in-home support if needed.

Additional support:

- * Access to the therapeutic services a child may need.
- * The support of other foster parents through monthly support groups.
- * Membership to Foster Parent Association (FPA).
- * Monthly newsletter distributed by mail.