

Foster Parenting May Be For You If You:

- ✓ Are over 21 years old
- ✓ Have an income that is sufficient to meet your needs
- ✓ Are able to accept a child who may have special needs and behavior problems
- ✓ Can care for children and then let them go when their own families are able to provide for them again
- ✓ Are willing to work with others to help a child
- ✓ Are flexible and looking for a challenge

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR FOSTER PARENTS

When you become a licensed foster parent, agency staff will offer guidance and support in helping you deal with issues such as methods of parenting and how to best meet your foster child's individual needs.

Each child placed in your home has a social worker, and ongoing training is provided for you. A newsletter and special mailings will keep you informed about trainings offered in your area.

A monthly board payment and a clothing allowance are provided for each child according to age and special needs. Medical, dental, vision care, and counseling are provided for children.

Make a difference in the life of a child

The drive is on to find additional quality foster parents in Tuscarawas County.

If you believe foster parenting is for you or if you would simply like to find out more about this vital community service, please call and ask to speak with a foster care worker at:

330-339-7791 or 1-800-431-2347



MISSION STATEMENT

The Foster Care Advocates Group exists to recruit and maintain dedicated families to provide a safe, temporary home for at-risk children

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"Only families

foster family



values . . ."

Invest in a child . . .

Invest in our community . . .

Become a foster parent!

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**The best family value
we can give
any child
is a family.**

A Special Kind of Parenting . . .

Foster parenting requires *a special kind of love and commitment* to a child. It is a love that goes far beyond food, shelter, medical assistance, and education opportunities . . . *it is a deep desire to share yourself to the fullest with children who need a temporary family while separated from their own family.*

Foster Parents are a part of a special team comprised of social workers from Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services and other child care professionals working toward the ultimate goals of helping children grow, strengthening families, and reuniting children with their parents.

Why Children are Separated from their Families

Children are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, and dependency which are caused by parental illness, marital problems, mental illness, substance abuse, and abandonment.

Parents of these children are unable to provide a safe, healthy environment for them. Some families simply lack the means to help themselves.

Length of Stay Varies . . .

The length of a placement varies with each child's circumstances. Foster parenting is a temporary, stopgap measure which can be overnight to several months. The average stay is three to six months.

MANY KINDS OF HOMES ARE NEEDED

Foster homes are needed for children of all ages, from birth to eighteen years. There is a critical need for families who can care for:

- ⇒ Brothers and sisters who should remain together
- ⇒ Physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabled children
- ⇒ Teenagers and children who have behavioral problems.



*You don't have to make
a lifetime commitment
to make a difference
of a lifetime.*