

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A FOSTER PARENT?

Here's what you should know –

- Currently we have just under 15,000 kids in care in Indiana. This is down tremendously since 2018, when we had over 28,000 kids in care. Much of that is due to changes DCS has made to strengthen families rather than to just remove children.
- The Families First Act was passed in February 2019. It required all states to make it a priority to keep children in a family setting as much as possible. This means that DCS is required to do a thorough search for relatives who might be able to take placement when children are removed and conduct background checks and home inspections for safety. Approximately half of the children in out-of-home placement are in relative care. Foster Care Select licenses not only families in the community, but also licenses relative homes and kinship homes, which are families who have a relationship with a child through church, school, etc.
- The children who most need homes are sibling groups, school age children, and teens. We do place infants, but they are typically part of a sibling group. We also need families who are interested in providing respite for families occasionally. We would LOVE to talk to you more if you have an interest in providing a temporary safe, loving home for children!

We need foster parents to provide safe and loving homes to children in need.

What are the requirements? They are very simple. We need:

- Loving people—you can be single, married, or with a significant other.
- People who are at least 21 and can pass child protection service checks as well as other background checks.
- People willing to be trained. There is a pre-service training requirement and annual training, but the majority of all trainings are free and we will work around your schedule to train you.
- People willing to have supportive staff come into your home to assist you in working with the children in your care.
- People with an extra bedroom, or more that are willing to keep their home clean and safe for a child's placement.

What do you get in return? The benefits are endless!

First, you get to experience the joy of helping a child. Children may have behavioral issues due to the trauma they've experienced, but you will have a team of supportive people there to assist you.

We provide:

1. Ongoing training and development
2. 24 hour access to trained staff
3. Mental health and medical services for the children in your care.
4. Financial reimbursement to assist with clothing, food, extra-curricular activities and other needs of the children.
5. Support groups and respite care.

If you feel called to change a child's life – and your own, or if you just want to “pay it forward” Foster Care Select can help. Contact us toll free at 866-521-3010.



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Can't be a foster parent, but still want to help?

CONSIDER RESPITE CARE!



Do you want to help make a difference in the life of a foster child, but worry about the full-time commitment? Have you always wanted to foster, but want to see if it would be a good fit for your life? If so, respite care might be exactly what you are looking for! Respite care is temporary, short-term relief for a foster child's primary caregivers. As a respite care provider, you get to love and care for a foster child while giving the foster family a break from the responsibilities that come with full-time foster care. Respite care can be for a few hours, a couple of days, or longer depending on the need, and you are able to choose what respite needs fit best with your schedule. If you'd like to be another home that shows love, compassion, empathy, and support to a child in need, please consider becoming a respite foster parent!