



Foster Parent Information and Requirements

Foster Parent General Information

ChildServ's foster parents make a tremendous impact on a child, helping them build a better life and achieve their potential. They create a safe, nurturing environment for children, encouraging their learning and growth.

- Our foster parents learn to understand a child's development from a trauma-informed perspective. They help to interpret a child's behavior; recognize stages of grief and their impact on the child's behavior; and develop healthy, open lines of communication with the child and their support team.
- Parents in our foster care programs take charge of completing the child's comprehensive health evaluation: physical and dental exams, immunizations and developmental assessments.
- Foster parents are actively engaged in their child's education, enrolling the child in school, ensuring daily attendance and completion of homework.

Foster Parent Requirements

As a foster parent, you must be...

- A stable, mature adult, at least 25-years-old
- Single or in a committed relationship
- Financially stable and responsible
- In good health, confirmed by a physical examination.
- Able to provide references as part of a background check
- Active participant in the licensing process, including orientation sessions and in-home interviews.
- Participate in pre-service training for new foster parents.

Your home must...

- Be clean, well-ventilated, free from hazard and have appropriate light and heat.
- Have sufficient bedroom space.
- Have an operating telephone.

Successful foster parents...

- Provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment.
- Ensure that their child is supervised appropriately for their age and development.
- Treat the foster child as one of their own children.
- Are patient, understanding and sensitive individuals.
- Are responsible for transporting the child to necessary appointments, such as medical, dental and case management services.

For more information about how you can help change a child's life by becoming a foster parent, contact us at (773) 239-8094 or info@childserv.org.