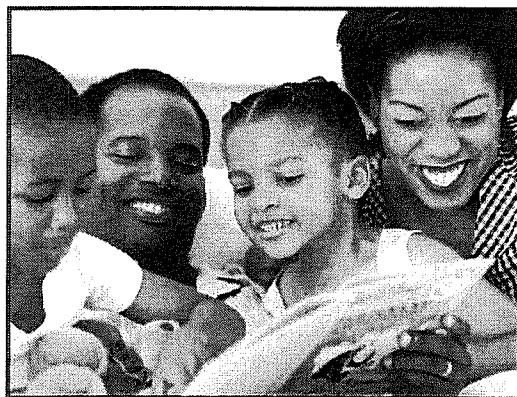


WELCOME to FOSTER PARENTING!

Both challenging and rewarding, foster parenting is one of the most important roles in our society. Foster parents use positive parenting skills coupled with specialized training to provide temporary, safe, nurturing homes for children who have been removed from the care of their parents due to abuse and/or neglect.



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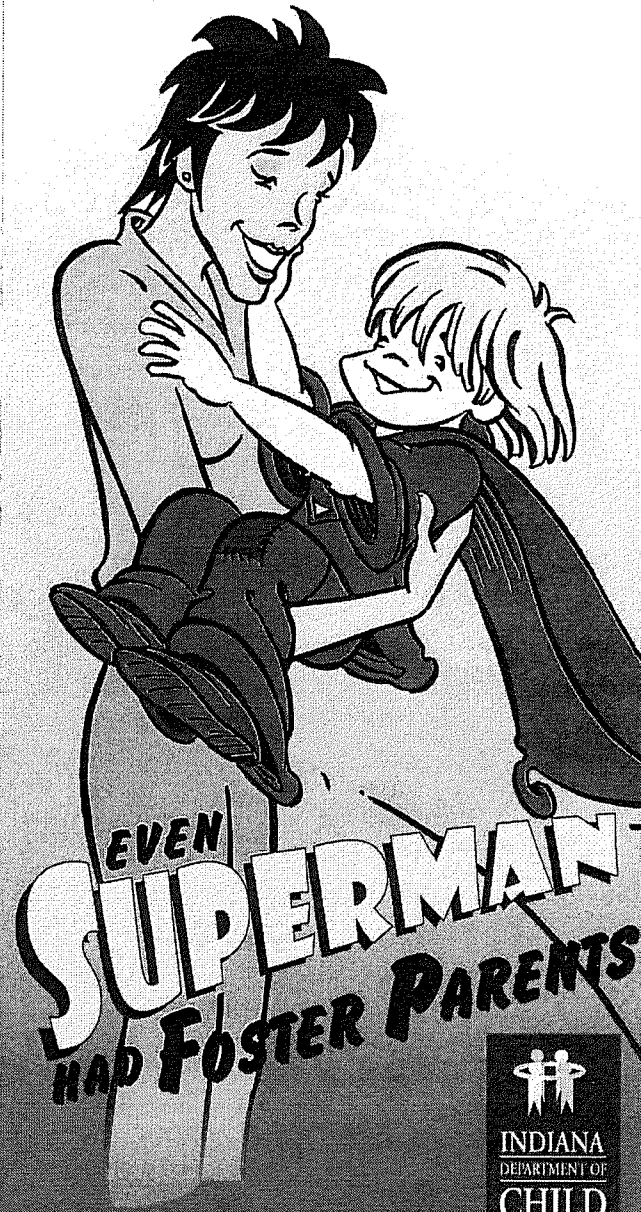


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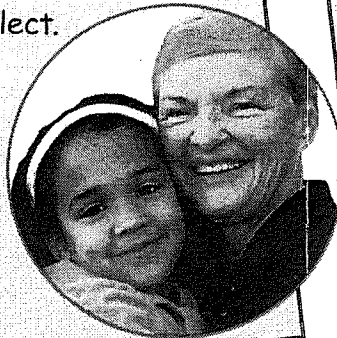
Be a HERO for a Foster Child!



What is Foster Care?

Providing a safe, nurturing, stable and temporary environment for children who can no longer remain in their own homes due to the risk of abuse or neglect.

This care is given with the intention of helping children re-unify with their families.



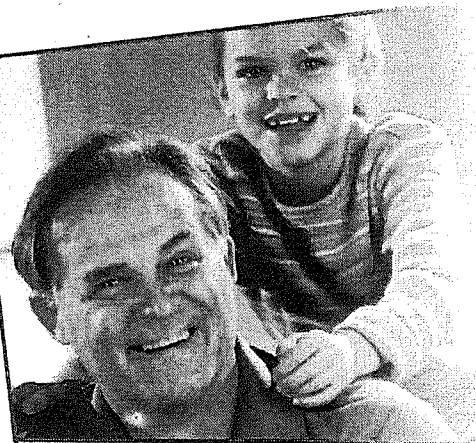
Could you be a Foster Parent?

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- o Do you have a strong support system of family and/or friends?
- o If you have children of your own, how do they feel about providing foster care?
- o Will you be able to cope with the foster child returning home?
- o Can you be patient and flexible with children and not take behaviors personally?

How do I become licensed?

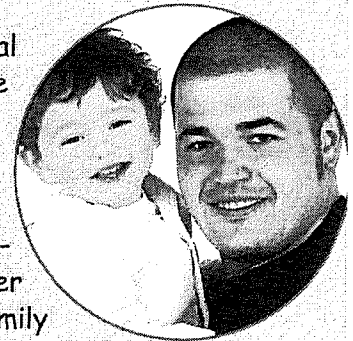
- o Pass background checks
- o Complete 10 hours of pre-service training
- o Become certified in CPR, First Aid, Bloodborn Pathogens
- o Demonstrate financial stability
- o Participate in a home study



What do foster parents do?

- o Provide for the basic daily needs of foster children, such as food, clothing, shelter and supervision
- o Transport foster children to appointments, court hearings, and visits with family

- o Arrange medical and dental care for foster children
- o Role model positive parenting to the foster child's birth family



Other Frequent Questions

Is there financial help?

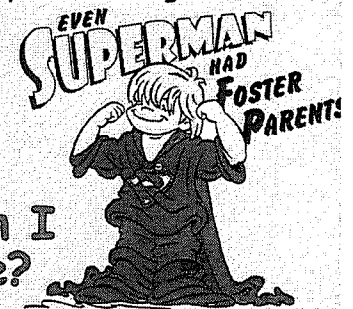
Foster parents are reimbursed for the reasonable costs of providing care to the child in the form of a "per diem".

How long will children stay in my home?

Children may remain in your home for a few days, months, or in some cases as long as a year or more.

What types of children need foster homes?

Although each county needs are unique, caring foster families are especially needed for older youth, siblings, and children with special needs.



Where can I learn more?

- o www.IN.gov/dcs/foster
- o Contact your local DCS county office
- o Call the Foster Care Help Line at: 888-631-9510