

Foster Parenting

Looking for a challenge? Want to become part of the solution to a child's or family's problem? Have we got a deal for you:

Consider becoming a Foster Parent!!!!

Both public and private child & family serving agencies are in need of foster parents of all sizes, shapes and colors and in all parts of the Commonwealth.

There are requirements, such as:

- You must be at least 21 years old;
- You must pass an initial medical appraisal (to show that you are physically able to care for children and are free of communicable disease);
- You must pass a background check;
- You have to agree to abide by state and local policies regarding discipline, punishment and control of children;
- You and your home will be assessed to ensure that you are capable of providing safe and adequate care;
- You must agree to a minimum of 6 hours of training annually;
- You must be a "team player" because you will be working with a number of professionals and community members to help the child in your care accomplish her/his goals.

Think it over. This is not a decision to be rushed. But, if this sounds attractive to you (and to the others in your household), contact the public agencies in your area (click on "[Membership](#)" on our Home Page, then click on the counties with whom you'd like to speak for contact information).

For additional information, you can also go to www.psfpa.com for information from the Pa. State Foster Parent Association.

Foster Parenting isn't for everyone, but it has changed the lives of many caregivers, as well as the children placed in their care.

Best of luck!