

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

Foster care provides a safe, loving, and supportive home for children who are unable to live with their parents.



WHO ARE THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE?

Children in foster care come from all ethnic groups and range from birth to 21 years old. This includes:

- Children with disabilities
- Pregnant teens
- Sets of siblings
- Teenagers
- Teen parents and their children
- Youth from the LGBTQ community

“I’ve been a foster parent for over 30 years and have opened my home to dozens of children. Partnering with The Foundling is one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

– Lizzie Burrows, Staten Island, NY

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Become a Foster Parent with The New York Foundling



Open your **home** to a child in need of **love, support** and **stability**



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A FOSTER PARENT?

Foster parents support the child until reunification occurs by sharing the responsibilities of parenting with the birth families. This includes:

- Ensuring the child's social, emotional, physical and educational needs are met
- Providing a safe, nurturing, loving and supportive home
- Serving as a positive role model
- Working with The Foundling to reunite the child with their family and when that's not possible, ease the transition into adoption or kinship guardianship

WHO CAN BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

- A legal resident of the United States
- A person age 21 or older
- Has an annual income to support household needs



HOW CAN I BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

- Attend an orientation session
- Complete the foster parent application; a child abuse clearance form and fingerprinting; and provide current medical reports and supplemental documents
- Complete a Foster Parent Training Workshop
- Participate in a comprehensive home study process

**The New York Foundling
Foster Parent
Recruitment Hotline:
888-847-2838**

**The New York Foundling is
the only foster care agency
operating in all five boroughs
of New York City**

**Medical and mental health
services are available in each
borough**

WHAT RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE ?

- 24-hour emergency services
- Counseling services and case management
- Events, social gatherings, and support groups
- Financial subsidy for the child
- Guidance and support
- Health insurance for the child placed in your home
- Training programs for foster parents

