

REWARDING OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking qualified, capable, competent families interested in Fostering. If you are even a LITTLE interested, or know someone who might be, PLEASE read on!

What does it take to be a Foster Family?

- ☺ Be supportive and committed to your own family
- ☺ Have good self esteem and an open mind
- ☺ Have good communication skills and a strong support system
- ☺ Be warm, welcoming, caring and patient
- ☺ Be in good health
- ☺ Be willing to help children toward permanency, including visits with family resources
- ☺ Have emotional room for others
- ☺ Have the ability and the willingness to work with the Agency
- ☺ Be active in the community
- ☺ Be good listeners
- ☺ Be consistent

What does the Agency expect from Foster Families?

- ☺ Provide a comfortable bed of his/her own
- ☺ Provide a place to store personal items
- ☺ Shop for the children's clothes, arrange medical and dental care
- ☺ Assure privacy when it is wanted
- ☺ Take the child to appointments and extracurricular activities
- ☺ Register the child for school
- ☺ Make it possible for the child to have access to community services

Will I be paid?

- ☺ It is not a job and does not pay a salary
- ☺ There is a daily reimbursement for the cost of caring for the child
- ☺ There is a monthly clothing allowance for each child
- ☺ Each child receives an allowance from the Washington County Children's Committee
- ☺ Medical costs will be covered

How to become a Foster Family

- ☺ Attend our GPS II/MAPP Foster Parent Training Program
- ☺ Be cleared through the State Central Registry for Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- ☺ Have a substance use evaluation
- ☺ Have a physical examination, including a TB test
- ☺ Have your home inspected by Code Enforcement

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Contact Katie Fiorillo, Berkshire Program Coordinator 380-1295
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