



**Do you love children?
Are you interested in providing temporary support to a child?
Becoming a foster parent can be a difficult, but rewarding decision!**



Welcoming a child into your home is a decision that needs careful consideration as it changes your entire household. There is a lot involved in welcoming a child who has been placed into care because of circumstances beyond their control.

You might be temporary in their lives.
They might be temporary in yours.
But there is **NOTHING** temporary about
the **LOVE** or the **LESSON**. *-Tonia Chrisle*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I'm not Catholic, can I still become a foster parent with your agency? Yes. Foster parents at Livingston County Catholic Charities have a diverse background of religions and beliefs.

Do I have to be married with children to become a foster parent? No, you don't.

Do I have to be licensed to be a foster parent? What do I have to do? Yes. First you will have to attend an orientation meeting where a licensing worker will happily answer any questions you may have.

How long does it take to become a foster parent? The entire process can take four to six months to complete.

What happens if I decide I want to adopt? Our goal is to reunite families in a safe and stable home however, there are times when that is not possible. In circumstances such as these, many foster parents choose to adopt their foster children.

How long could I expect a child to stay with me? Each child has a unique situation. Some children may be in foster care for days or weeks while others are in foster homes for a year. Some children may be in care even longer.

Can more than one child be placed with me? This is determined by you and your licensing worker. The child's needs as well as your family's circumstances play a part in the number of children placed in your home.

Is there any financial assistance provided to foster parents? Yes, foster parents receive assistance to help cover the expenses of the foster child. Medical insurance and a clothing allowance are also provided.

What type of children are in foster care? Children of all ages, races and ethnicities find themselves in foster care. This includes children with special needs, teenagers and sibling groups. The greatest need is foster parents for teens and sibling groups.

Can I choose the children that I foster? It is vital that the match between foster child and foster family be a good one. The worker will work within the specifications you provide during the licensing process to make the best match possible.

Will I need to be relicensed? If so, how often? Your initial license will be valid for six months. All subsequent licenses will be valid for a two-year period.

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