

Becoming a Foster Parent

To become a foster parent for Venango County Children and Youth Services you must:

- Have a stable home environment.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Pass an initial medical appraisal
- Complete an MMPI/ Psychological evaluation.
- Complete Act 33 and 34 clearances.
- Fill out an application
- Sign any necessary releases for references and doctors.
- Contact Heather at 814-432-9743 to set up a home visit and orientation session.



Foster Parenting:

Building the foundation for the future one child at a time!



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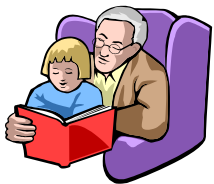
Foster Parents Build Bridges!



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Foster Parenting is...

- *Providing children with a safe, caring, nurturing, and supervised environment .
- *Providing children with encouragement and support.
- *Protecting children from harmful situations.
- *Setting rules, being consistent with the rules, and encouraging and accepting appropriate behaviors. Physical discipline is NOT permitted.
- *Supporting children's educational, cultural, and social growth.



- *Being flexible, good listeners, realistic, able to laugh, and willing to work with others.

What advantages do you gain from being a Foster Parent?

Knowing you have helped a family overcome an obstacle.

Teaching and learning different values and beliefs.



Giving a child a chance to enrich their life.

Watching a child grow and succeed.

Financial reimbursement for the child's basic needs.

Support from Agency staff.

Who are Foster Children?

Foster children ages range from birth to 18 years of age. They can come from any culture or ethnicity. Children are removed from their natural family's home for various reasons. When they are removed from their homes they are in need of a temporary home environment until they are able to either return home another permanent placement can be established.

Some of the responsibilities of Foster Families.

- *Meeting the basic needs of children (food, clothing, shelter).
- *Transport children to their medical, dental and counseling appointments.
- *Being a team player with the Agency, child, child's family, and community services



- *Making sure children have the necessary medical and dental care
- *Give support to and help a child prepare to return home.

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