



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FOSTER PARENT

- ✓ To ensure that the child's basic needs are met, and the child is safe from further abuse or neglect.
- ✓ To provide temporary care, stability, and normalcy for children.
- ✓ To include children in the family's daily activities.
- ✓ To support contact between children and their birth families or caregivers.
- ✓ To establish working relationships with birth families/caregivers to co-parent children.
- ✓ To advocate for the children in all applicable domains (school, medical, developmental, and behavioral health).
- ✓ To communicate and work closely with your licensing professional and the family's child welfare professional and team regarding progress and concerns.
- ✓ To provide transportation to and from visits with birth parents or caregivers when possible.
- ✓ To arrange and take the child to medical and dental appointments.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT:

Minimum Qualifications

- ✓ You must be 21 years of age or older.
- ✓ You may be single, married, divorced, widowed, or in a significant long-term partnership.
- ✓ Your physical and mental health conditions do not interfere with your ability to provide care for a child.
- ✓ You must be financially able to provide for your family.
- ✓ You and your family must participate in the home study process, which will be completed by a licensing worker from the agency you are seeking a foster care license from.
- ✓ You must pass criminal background checks.
- ✓ Your home must comply with standards established by the State of Wisconsin.
- ✓ You must be able to provide proof of insurance (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance and automobile insurance).
- ✓ You must complete proper training requirements within specified timelines; training may sometimes require travel.

IS IT HARD TO BE A FOSTER PARENT?

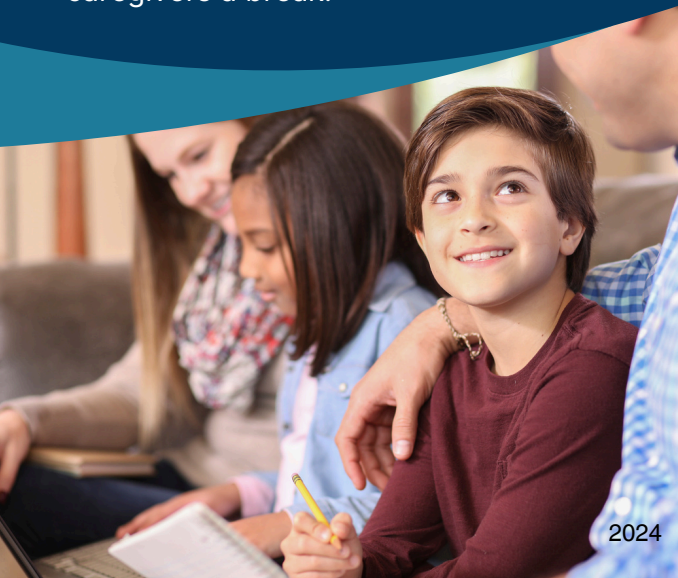
No. All it takes is a little time. First, you need to contact a licensing agency (like Crawford County Health & Human Services). Then, a licensing professional will get to know you better through interviews, and completing a home study. You will be required to attend trainings.

IS IT HARD TO BE A RESPITE HOME?

No. All it takes is a successful background check and home visit.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FOSTER CARE AND RESPITE HOME?

The difference is foster care the child lives with you. Respite home you take a child for a few days at a time to give caregivers a break.



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"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story."

-Josh Shipp

**Start your journey
as a foster parent
or respite home
TODAY!**

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