

Types of Foster Homes Needed

The decision to be licensed as a foster parent also involves deciding what type of care you are willing and capable of providing. Your licensor will help you make a decision that is in the best interest of your family and the children who will be placed into your care.

It is important to note that children of color are disproportionately represented and homes that can meet the needs of these children are a valuable resource. For more information on this, please visit our Greatest Needs pages at www.fosteringtogether.org

Respite Homes

Provide short-term relief care for other foster parents by caring for their foster children in your home. Can be anywhere from one day to a few weeks.

Homes for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Provide care for children with mental and/or physical delays such as Down Syndrome, Autism, etc.

Homes for Medically Challenged Youth

Provide care for children with medical needs including drug affected babies and children with such conditions as diabetes, feeding tubes, severe asthma.

Homes for Sibling Groups

Keeping siblings together is an important way to minimize the trauma experienced by children when removed from their homes. While some sibling groups are comprised of 2 children in close ages, other sibling groups can consist of 3 or more children ranging in ages from infants to teens.

Homes for Children Birth-5 years old

Provide care for our youngest and most vulnerable children. Childcare and therapeutic daycare is available for working foster parents.

Homes for Children 6-12 years old

Provide care for our elementary school aged children who need someone who can advocate for their educational needs.

Homes for Children 13 and older

Older youth also need a trusted adult who can mentor and coach them to develop skills to transition to independent living. Your investment in the lives of these children will make an invaluable difference.

Homes for Youth in Extended foster care ages 18-21 years

The Extended Foster Care program provides an opportunity for young adults, in foster care at age 18, to voluntarily agree to continue receiving foster care services, including placement services, while the youth completes a secondary or postsecondary academic or vocational program, or participates in a program or activity designed to promote employment.

Foster-Adopt/Adoptive Homes

There are hundreds of children in Washington State waiting for a pre-adoptive home or are legally free and waiting to be adopted. In most cases the state reimburses your adoption fees.