

How can I become a foster parent?

- Attend an orientation session
- Complete an application
- Provide personal references and current medical reports
- Attend our pre-certification training classes
- Participate in a home study

How will we help you?

- Provide ongoing training
- Provide 24-hour emergency services
- Provide support and services for the child in care
- Provide financial and medical support to meet the needs of the child
- Provide foster parent support training
- Provide monthly paid respite

What can I do now?

If you think you would like to become a foster care parent for a special child who needs love and attention, or if you would like to learn more about our program, call Gloria at (518) 435-9029, or e-mail her at Gloria@st-cath.org.

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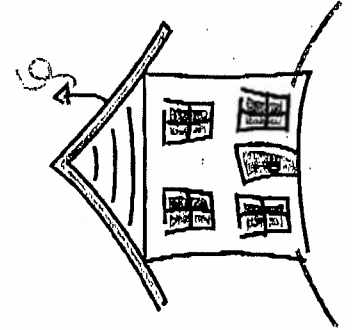
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Who is a foster parent?

A foster parent is someone who can provide temporary care and love for children who are unable to live with their birth families. A foster parent is someone who:

- Wants to make a difference in a child's life
- Is flexible and capable of handling stressful situations
- Is working or is a stay-at-home parent
- Can work as a member of a team that consists of families, social workers, and other professionals
- Can help prepare a child for a return to his or her birth family or prepare the child for adoption
- May become an adoptive parent



Who can become a therapeutic foster parent?



You can apply to become a foster parent for children with special needs if you:

- Are at least 21 years old
- Are married, single, or living with a partner
- Have sufficient income to meet your own family's needs
- Are in good health
- Can make room in your home and heart for children who need safe, temporary care

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What is therapeutic foster care?

Therapeutic foster care is temporary care for children who have emotional and behavioral needs that must be treated.

Who are children in therapeutic foster care?

- Children in therapeutic foster care represent all ethnic groups and ages.
- Some children have emotional and behavioral challenges and need special care.
- Children in foster care, like all children, need love, affection, and guidance.