



Treatment Foster Care Frequently Asked Questions

Can I be a foster parent?

Foster parents come from all walks of life – they are dedicated, supportive individuals who care first and foremost for the child/children entrusted to them. They are open-minded, flexible, responsible adults who provide a safe and loving home for children in need. Foster parents must be at least 21 years of age or older.

How do I know if I'm ready?

It's not a decision you can – or should – make lightly. Take some time to assess your feelings. Consider the responsibilities of a foster parent, as well as the goals of foster care.

Responsibilities of a foster parent include:

- Provide a nurturing environment with discipline.
- Allow child/children to participate in daily activities around the house.
- Provide structure and a family-centered routine.
- Provide day-to-day care and supervision.
- Arrange and take the children to medical, dental, and, if needed, mental health appointments.
- Support a family interaction plan for the child/children and their birth parents.
- Maintain open communication with the child's school and ensure progress is being made.

Is it hard to become a foster parent at La Causa?

No, but it will take a little time. First you need to contact a Licensing Specialist at (414) 902-1500. The licensing specialist will schedule in-person interviews, home visits, and walk you through the assessment paperwork.

What kind of support is available for foster parents?

We provide weekly in-home support, and are available 24 hours a day. As a foster parent, you will receive monthly payments to help cover some of the costs of food, clothing, personal care expenses, and special assistance a foster child may need.