

## Opening homes and hearts to children in need

More than 16,000 children per year in Florida are removed from their homes due to abandonment, abuse or neglect. Through foster care we offer children in traumatic situations short-term and long-term placements with loving, Christian foster parents who make immediate eternal impacts on their lives and often on the lives of their family members as well. We have foster care offices throughout the state with expert, compassionate staff who are ready to help you take the next steps to becoming a foster parent.

## The primary goals of foster care

Children in foster care often come from tragic circumstances of abuse, abandonment or neglect and they are placed in homes until a child is reunified with family, a more appropriate placement is found or he or she becomes available for adoption. Foster parents tend to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of these children and often have incredible opportunities to share Christ with their friends and family members.

## Become a foster parent

We are always looking for adults who feel called to become foster parents. We need caring, Christian adults who will open their homes to a child, and in some cases sibling groups, to provide safety, security and love. Through the licensing process and once you become a foster parent we provide you Christ-centered support!

## **Requirements of foster parents**

- At least 21 years old
- Good health (physician's statement required)
- Lived in a community for at least six months
- A professing Christian who leads a Christian lifestyle and an active member of a local Evangelical church
- Supportive character references
- Emotionally and financially stable
- Pass the required background check
- Willing to work with child's biological family
- Attendance at required foster parenting classes



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