



# Foster Care

## Start your foster care adventure today

Every day, children in your community are removed from their homes due to abandonment, abuse or neglect. They need **stability**. They need **love**. They need **hope**. Through foster care, we place children who have gone through traumatic situations with loving, **Christian** foster parents who make immediate and eternal impacts on their lives and often on the lives of their family members. We have been providing these Christ-centered services since 1904. We have incredible partners around the world and expert staff ready to walk alongside you on your journey to help one more child.

### 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 another permanency plan is made. 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 will help!

We need Christian people to open their hearts and homes and say, "Yes" to an adventure that gives children, sibling groups, and teens the chance to move from crisis to peace and hopefulness. Our expert, compassionate staff help you through the process of becoming licensed foster parents, and provide the support and resources you need to help children thrive!

### Requirements of One More Child foster parents

- At least 21 years old
- Good health
- Lived in a community for at least six months
- A professing Christian who leads a disciplined 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
- Completion of required training classes

### Wraparound support for foster families

Our Foster Crew model trains your church to mobilize volunteers to support foster families by providing help with:

- Meals
- Housework
- Babysitting
- Prayer, and more!





# Start a Foster Crew

## Foster parents need help, but don't always ask

In the U.S. there are more than 391,000 children in foster care. Being a foster parent is rewarding, but often extremely taxing and challenging at the same time. That's why we created **Foster Crews** to connect you to local foster parents in need of a support system. It's simple, really — **if you can cook, write an encouraging note, play with kids, or pray, you can make a world of difference** for foster families and foster children in your community!

### What is a Foster Crew?

A Foster Crew is a ministry of a local church partnering with One More Child to mobilize church members to walk alongside foster families by providing:

- Babysitting
- Meals
- Services such as laundry and yard work
- Diapers and other necessities
- Prayer and encouragement

We train you and equip you to care for foster families using what we have learned through decades of ministry.

### We Help You Meet Needs in Your Community

Our resources include:

- Training to equip volunteers
- Starter box that includes books, ministry helpers, an activity calendar, and more.
- A proven structure to enable a team of volunteers to serve foster families

### Get started



**Not everyone is called to foster, but everyone can impact a vulnerable child or teen and provide life-changing support.**