

“Every child deserves a home,
deserves happiness, and the same
opportunities as anybody else.”
Foster with our support.



We need you

By offering a child a safe and nurturing home you are giving them the opportunity to reach their potential. Fostering is incredibly rewarding, offers great flexibility and puts family at its heart.

“You can’t change their past,
or the trauma they’ve been through,
but you can help and support them,
in changing their future.”

**Could you or someone
you know foster?
Get in touch today.**

Join us,
recruiting now.



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Why foster with us?

We value our foster carers and the pivotal role they play in transforming children's lives. We offer unrivalled high-quality training and outstanding local support available 24/7. All children in care are referred to us which means we can best match children to you and your family.

- ✓ Bespoke local training
- ✓ 24/7 local support
- ✓ A dedicated social worker and access to Clinical Psychologist and Mental Health Coordinators
- ✓ A network of support groups
- ✓ Additional tax free allowances
- ✓ 28 days paid holiday
- ✓ Membership to Essex Foster Carers Association

Unlike some agencies we are not for profit. Our only motivation is the wellbeing of our children. We're rated Outstanding by Ofsted, and that's thanks to the incredible support systems and training programmes we offer our foster carers.

"The training has been fantastic and you're never alone."

Find a fostering option to suit you

Even the smallest amount of time can make the biggest difference to a child's life. Foster from one weekend a month to providing full-time support.

Mainstream fostering

- ✓ Full-time and part-time options available.
- ✓ Receive up to £483 per week, per child.
- ✓ Children aged 0-18.
- ✓ Suitable for someone who is patient, kind and has time to help a child overcome their trauma.

Fostering children with disabilities

- ✓ Full-time and part-time options available from one weekend a month.
- ✓ £500-£1000 per week for full-time care, plus allowances.

- ✓ Children aged 0-18. The majority of our children do not need to be cared for in a specially adapted home.
- ✓ Ideally someone with personal or professional experience for caring or children with disabilities or transferable skills.
- ✓ Respite for carers.

Supported Lodgings

- ✓ Receive £250 per week, per child.
Each young person receives a personal allowance of £61.05 per week.
- ✓ Children aged 16+ who need assistance with:
 - getting into education, training or work
 - managing money
 - learning to cook and do housework
 - attending appointments
 - building confidence
- ✓ Ideally someone who has the time and patience to support a young person with independent living skills and offer emotional support.

Find out more

Join one of our information events where you can hear first-hand from people who foster or provide supported lodgings and learn about some of the children who need homes. Social workers and foster carers will be on hand to answer your questions.

If you're already an experienced foster carer and are considering transferring, get in touch to find out more about our local support and benefits.

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"It really is so rewarding, I wish I'd started years ago. You need patience and empathy, but if you love family life and helping others, this is the most brilliant job you could choose."

Join our community and together we can transform children's lives.