

FOSTER CARE & ADOPTIONS



Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Providing for youth & families.

▪ What is family foster care?

- Family foster care centers around home and family.
- It is providing a child with a temporary home and alongside birth families to maintain family bonds, while working towards permanency and reunification.
- The goal of family foster care is reunification with family.

▪ What is foster to adopt?

- We provide adoption services for our foster families seeking to adopt the children placed in their homes through our Foster Care program.
- When reunification with family is not possible, a child's plan of care becomes adoption. We work with the foster family to provide all necessary adoption support.

▪ Who are our foster children?

- We serve children coming from abandoned, abusive, or neglected situations.
- Children in foster care range from newborn-18 years of age and span all races and backgrounds.

▪ What are the criteria to become a foster parent?

- Be dedicated to helping children who have experienced trauma.
- Be at least 21 years of age and physically, emotionally, and financially capable of providing for a child.
- Successfully complete all training and attend continuing education workshops.
- Pass a home and fire safety inspection.
- Pass an extensive background check.

▪ Why foster through Free Will Baptist Children's Home?

- More personalized support due to our low social worker to family ratio.
- Around the clock access to social workers and support services.
- Opportunities for children to be involved in our campus' events and programs.
- No cost continual training and educational opportunities.

- **What are the responsibilities of a foster parent?**
 - Provide a safe, nurturing environment that supports a child's development.
 - Provide opportunities for the child to remain connected with their community through participation in community, school, religious, and cultural activities.
 - Participate in shared parenting with birth families and/or significant people in a child's life.

- **What steps are necessary to become a foster parent?**
 - Complete our foster parent application.
 - Complete foster parenting course.
 - Complete licensing requirements (paperwork, background check, home visits, and inspections).
 - Our social workers will submit your application to the state, who will approve, deny, or request additional information regarding your application.

- **What training is necessary to become a certified foster parent?**
 - Complete foster parenting course.
 - CPR, First Aid, and Seizure Management - renewed annually.
 - Medication Administration and Bloodborne Pathogens - renewed annually.
 - 10 hours of continuing training per licensure year.
 - Free Will Baptist Children's Home provides all training courses free of charge.

For additional information, please visit fosterkidsnc.org or contact:

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