

“When I saw her smile for the first time, I knew we, as a family, had made the decision to open our home and our hearts to this child.”

- Foster Parent

Mission

The mission of Children's Friend is to promote the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children by providing flexible, effective and culturally relevant services that support and strengthen families and communities.

Become a Foster Parent
at Children's Friend



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Foster Parenting is MORE Than Helping a child. It Provides HOPE for Their Family.

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The Children

The children in our foster care program are infants and young children. Some of the children have been abused, neglected or born with a positive drug screen. Some children may be returning to their birth parents, while others are waiting to move in with adoptive families. The circumstances may vary, but the need remains the same; a safe, happy home.

Support

Foster parents receive a monthly stipend from the state, medical coverage for the child through Neighborhood Health, ongoing training and a support system of social workers. Funding for day care may be provided to working parents. A Children's Friend worker will conduct home visits and offer a constant source of knowledge and support.

Am I Eligible?

Foster parents may be single, married, partnered or related to the child. They must be over 21 and a resident of Rhode Island. Foster parents must have a valid driver's license. They are also required to pass state, federal, and Child Protective Services background checks as well as a medical examination. Foster parents must also complete training on foster parenting, a home study and meet other qualifying criteria.

Do I Need Special Training?

Yes, Children's Friend provides training to new foster parents before a child is placed in their home. Once a child is in your home, we offer continued support through regular home visits from our professional social workers and on-going training seminars.

Children Are Waiting

Foster parents allow birth parents an opportunity to work on issues that are negatively affecting their lives. While the birth parent takes the necessary steps toward providing a better life for their child, foster care provides children with a safe, nurturing environment. Every child has the right to develop physically and emotionally with the best resources possible. The overall goal, in all situations, is for reunification between the child and their birth parents.

For more information, contact a Foster Care recruiter or a member of the Permanency team at (401) 276-4300 or email at info@cfsri.org.