

# FOSTER PARENTING



The Kennedy Center  
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## A gift you can give a troubled child - and yourself.

- Have you been told you have a way with kids?
- Do you look beyond behavior and words to understand what people really want and need?
- Are you interested in making a genuine difference in a troubled child's life?
- Are you looking for a job where you can be at home with the family or enhance your current income?
- Are you looking for a job offering personal growth?



**We need families to open their doors and hearts.**

### **Benefits include:**

- Relationships with children who are good matches for your family.
- Dependable TAX-FREE income for child's needs and your efforts.
- Professional training for every aspect of foster parenting.

**You can be a foster parent  
whether you are single, married,  
divorced, or widowed!**

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- At least 21 years of age
- 2 years formal education in human services, child development or nursing and 2 years in specialized field: or 4 years in specialized fields or special needs parenting.
- Financial stability
- Good physical, mental health
- Enough space for foster child
- Pass criminal clearances
- 36 hours of training
- Participate in home study

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Therapeutic foster care is a partnership with a foster child, the child's family and other persons to achieve the goals of the family or child's care plan. The child benefits from a home environment and community-based setting while receiving intensive treatment and clinical services when regular basic foster care is not sufficient. Therapeutic foster families are trained to give participants the social and emotional skills to facilitate a permanent or less restrictive placement. The families reduce exposure to peers with similar problems and offer close supervision, fair and consistent limits, predictable consequences for rule breaking, and a supportive relationship with at least one adult.