

foster parents.

You have seen them at church or at the grocery store. They are bringing healing and hope to the lives of abused children in our community by opening their hearts and homes.

You think to yourself,
"what remarkable people."

they are
foster parents.

join our team,
be a foster parent.

foster parenting is it right for me?



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Is Foster Parenting for me?

Many people think about their decision to become a foster parent for months or even years before finally making a decision. There is a lot to consider. But at LFS, we can help make the decision process a little easier and give you the support and training that you'll need along the way.

Am I really needed?

Every year in Colorado about 8,000 children need foster homes because they were harmed by a parent or caregiver. These abused and neglected children desperately need a safe place to heal and find hope.



Can I test it out first?

One of the best ways to determine if foster parenting is right for you is to begin with caring for a foster child for an evening or a weekend.

Known as "respite care," this program can help you get a feel for what foster parenting is all about. Respite care is beneficial for all involved. You get a taste of foster parenting without a long-term commitment, the child can experience another family, and the foster parents get some time off.

Do I have to be Lutheran?

No. The families who are part of our foster care teams bring with them diverse faith affiliations and spiritual beliefs. We only ask that foster parents be respectful of the child's faith and support the child's participation in his or her spiritual community.

Do I have to be married?

No. Singles, as well as couples, may become foster parents if they meet Colorado's basic requirements for approval.

Is there financial support?

LFS foster parents are reimbursed for their expenses. The rate of pay varies, depending on the child's individual needs.

Do I choose the child?

We will work with you to evaluate the type of child that would best fit in with your family. Throughout this process you may select an age range, gender and types of behaviors that you feel most comfortable with. Our goal is to create the best possible fit for your family and the child.

Is training required?

Yes. You will receive training prior to being approved as a foster parent and on an ongoing basis. Lutheran Family Services is committed to supporting you through the training process to ensure a positive experience for the child and for your family.

Can I adopt my foster child?

In some cases a child may become eligible for adoption. The foster parents may be considered if the child becomes legally free for adoption. A permanent, loving home is our goal for each and every child.



CALL LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES TODAY.

Talk to a foster care counselor and explore the rewarding world of foster parenting. Lutheran Family Services is committed to serving children and families, regardless of race, religion, gender or age.

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