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Foster children are victims. They need someone to trust and depend on while their families are trying to find solutions to their problems.

Stokes County Department of Social Services served 92 children in foster care in 2007.

Foster families provide nurturing, support and love that a child needs.

We need more foster families.

More importantly, the children of Stokes County need you. We hope you will decide to open your home to a child in need.

Stokes County Department of Social Services

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## Foster and Adoption Program

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# Make a Difference In a Child's Life



## Become a Foster or Adoptive Family

## What is Foster Care?

Foster Care is temporary substitute care offered to a child who must be separated from his or her own parents / family when the parents / family are unable to provide adequate care or protection.

## Who can become Foster Parents?

Foster Parents must:

- ♥Be at least 21 years old.
- ♥Be willing to be fingerprinted and have criminal records checked.
- ♥Have a stable home.
- ♥Have a GED or high school diploma.
- ♥Have personal qualities necessary to care for children and work with a social agency.
- ♥Be in good health.
- ♥Be willing to have TB skin tests.
- ♥Be willing to participate in shared parenting.
- ♥Be willing to have their home inspected.
- ♥Have adequate space for children in the home.

## Foster Parents do not have to be:

- ♥Married
- ♥Rich
- ♥Of any particular race, gender, or ethnic group.

## Who are the children?

Custody of the children in foster care has been given to the Department of Social Services by the courts due to allegations of neglect, abuse, or dependency.

The children come from various ethnic backgrounds. They have their own special needs; they may have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. They may have brothers or sisters who need to be placed with them. Visitation with siblings or family members may be required.

Children of all ages, sex and race are in need of foster families. These children also need to be loved and cared for in a temporary home while social services works with their family.

## Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP):

This is a FREE 30-hour training class that is required of all foster and adoptive parents.

This training prepares foster parents for what they may expect of the foster/ adoptive experience.

The training offers an opportunity to develop a team approach to the foster/ adoptive process and shared parenting.

## What are the steps in becoming a Licensed Family Foster Home?

- ♥Submit an application.
- ♥Complete MAPP classes.
- ♥Complete the licensing paperwork.
- ♥Receive a license from the state of North Carolina.
- ♥Be available when a child needs to be placed.

## Financial Assistance:

Children in foster care receive state medical insurance and their medical, prescription, and doctor bills are covered through this plan.

Foster parents receive a monthly board rate to assist covering the child's expenses. This rate is established by the state and varies by the age of the child.

Extraordinary expenses for the children in foster care may be paid by social services, on a case-by-case basis.

## Adoption Opportunities:

Foster Parents may be considered for adoptive placements of children in their care who become available for adoption. This is handled on a case-by-case basis, with the focus on the child's needs.