



BECOME A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT

Requirements

- 18 years or older
- U.S Citizen, Permanent Resident Alien
- Resident of Guam
- Local and Federal background checks are conducted on every adult in the home.
- TB Clearance within the past 12 months or Chest X-ray if TB positive.
- Physician's Certification of Examination for each applicant within 12 months.
- Home Assessment
- Employment Verification for each employed applicant.



Levels of Care

RESPITE CARE

Respite Foster Parents are a support system for other Foster Parents and children in shelter. Respite Foster parents provide care for children on a short-term basis. It may be for a few hours, overnight, weekends, holidays, or for the duration of an off-island trip. Respite Foster Parents also provide a sense of normalcy for children residing in foster shelters by sharing in activities that the foster child enjoys.

EMERGENCY CARE

Emergency Foster Parents provide stabilization for children immediately after being removed from their parents or after a breakdown in placement. Emergency Foster parents are available 24 hours to provide care for our children. The duration of placement may be one night to two weeks or at the discretion of the foster parent.

FULL TIME CARE FOSTER PARENT

Foster Parents provide full-time care to children under the custody of Child Protective Services. The goal is reunification between child and family; therefore, the duration of placement is dependent on the progress of the family's case. Full-Time Foster Parents can provide Respite Care and Emergency Care.

THERAPEUTIC CARE

Once a Licensed Foster Parent, you have the opportunity to receive training from Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center to become a therapeutic foster home. Therapeutic Foster homes care for children with underlining mental health needs or other behavioral concerns.

Need to Know

FOSTER CHILDREN

Children in foster care are children and youth who had to be removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. Temporary legal custody was granted by the court to Child Protective Services (CPS).

REUNIFICATION RESOURCE

One of the goals of CPS is to reunify children with their natural parents. Foster parents must be willing to be a partner in the reunification process.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Foster Care Reimbursement
- Foster Children are covered under medical and dental insurance.
- The child qualifies to receive childcare under the Bureau of Child Care Services.
- A cell phone number is available to all Foster Parents so they can speak with an on-call worker after hours and on weekends.
- Non-profit resources are provided by Harvest House and The Kate Thomas Foundation.

LET'S TALK!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW
TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT,
PLEASE CONTACT THE HOME
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Fostering is Love,
That makes a **FAMILY!**

