

*Lifetime Families,
Life-Long Commitments*



Let us help you grow your family through family foster care or adoption. Thousands of children in West Virginia, throughout the country and world-wide need your love. Be the committed family that gives a child a family for a lifetime.

Email us at info@childhswv.org


Not ready to foster or adopt? Try mentoring or contact us for many other ways you can help kids in your community and state. Volunteer working with or without kids, donate needed items or money, serve on an advisory council, prepare meals or babysit for foster parents, or share your personal talents.

Providing services to families and children throughout the entire state

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Every Child
Deserves a Family

FOSTER AND
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PARENTS NEEDED



*Become Part of
Our Family*

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Caring for Children Since 1896

A Family to Call their Own

There are over 7,000 children in West Virginia not able to live with their own families for many reasons. Most of these children rely on foster and adoptive families for the feelings of safety and love many of us take for granted. You can make a



difference in a child's life by becoming a foster or an adoptive parent. By becoming one of *Our Families*, we will provide you with all the options to help you grow your family

while helping children in need. From foster parenting to all types of adoption, you are provided the training and support to help you successfully bring a child into your home. *Our Families* cared for 733 children and youth last year!

*You can help children in your
community who need you most while
fulfilling your dreams of becoming
a parent!*

GROW YOUR FAMILY

If you have a desire to become a parent or grow your family, consider foster care or adoption. Each year we place many children in loving families through our adoption and foster care programs. By opening your heart, you can make the impossible happen. Basic minimum requirements to get started:

You must be at least 21 years of age.

You must be economically stable.

You may be single, married, divorced or widowed

You can rent or own your home.

You will need to complete a criminal background check.

You will be provided free training and support, including a 24 hour crisis number.

Contact us to find out more:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I choose the age range and gender of the child I want to care for? Yes. We strive to match a child to a family based on strengths and needs.

What are the costs associated with foster care? There are no fees. Foster parents receive a stipend to meet the needs of the child. Medical, dental and vision care is covered by Medicaid. Daycare is covered if parents work.

Isn't it hard to give up a child once you become attached? Loving a child and then sending him/her back to a healthier family is one of the hardest and most important aspects of fostering. The love you provided to the child will live in their hearts forever.

What group of children is in most need of foster parents? Teenagers, medically fragile children, sibling groups and children with other special needs are the most in need. It is possible to foster very young children.

Can I adopt through foster care? Yes. When children are unable to return to their families, foster parents are often able to adopt.

Can I adopt a newborn? The majority of our adoptions occur through foster care, however we do work with a few families each year who voluntarily decide to place a child for adoption.

**CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY
HELPED 145 CHILDREN FIND
THEIR FOREVER FAMILIES
THROUGH ADOPTION LAST YEAR!**