

A Child Needs You Today

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become a Foster Parent:

- Open your hearts, minds and homes to children in need
- Help gear a child on the path of excellence
- Make a difference in the life of a troubled child
- Teach a child how to overcome life's challenges
- Give a child love and stability
- Give back to your community

BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION

Our goal is to help children achieve success in life through support, love and care from others. We are committed to enabling children to live in nurturing settings with full, positive, and valued community presence and participation. You can become part of the solution.



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**COMMUNITY
SPECIALIZED SERVICES,
INC.**

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM



"Connecting Children with Caring Families"

WHO WE ARE

Community Specialized Services, Inc. is a non-profit organization licensed as a child-placing agency by the Division of Social Services.

Founded in March 2003, CSS, Inc. is committed to providing the best quality services to children and adolescents who are at risk of out of home placement due, to emotional or behavioral problems and/or abuse and neglect situations. We serve children from infancy to age 18 regardless of race, religion, or gender.

The goal of the program is to provide therapeutic and behavioral intervention to children and adolescents in a family environment to prepare them for family reunification or independent living by teaching them to overcome life's challenges.

FOSTER PARENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Possess parenting skills
- Ability to make a genuine commitment for the long term benefit of the child
- Qualified couples or single individuals at least 21 years old
- Have some experience with children

- Maintain a stable living environment
- A willingness and ability to follow agency policies and guidelines
- Dependable, nurturing, and possess good communications abilities
- Flexible schedule

FOSTER PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide direct supervision in a safe structured home environment
- Implement treatment strategies
- Participate in client treatment team meetings
- Use positive reinforcements
- Attend a 30-40 hour training to prepare you for foster parenting
- Provide transportation for the child to appointment and family visits
- Maintain positive working relationships with the client's natural family and staff
- Work with schools, social workers, medical personnel and other childcare professionals
- Guide a child's development in all areas

SUPPORT SERVICES

- 24 hour Emergency On-Call
- Clinical Supervision/Clinical Treatment Team Meetings
- On-going training
- Respite Services
- Training and various educational opportunities
- Monetary Reimbursement

FOSTER PARENTS WITH LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE

- We need respite homes.
- Respite homes provide stable and ongoing relationships with an individual for a specific period of time so that the full-time foster parents can have a temporary relief from the care of the child.
- It is also a great way to ease into becoming a foster parent.

IS THE CHILD RIGHT FOR ME

- Information about the child is shared with the foster family.
- Professional staff match the child with the foster family.
- Prospective foster family have trial visits with the child and are given opportunity to make a decision before placement occurs.