

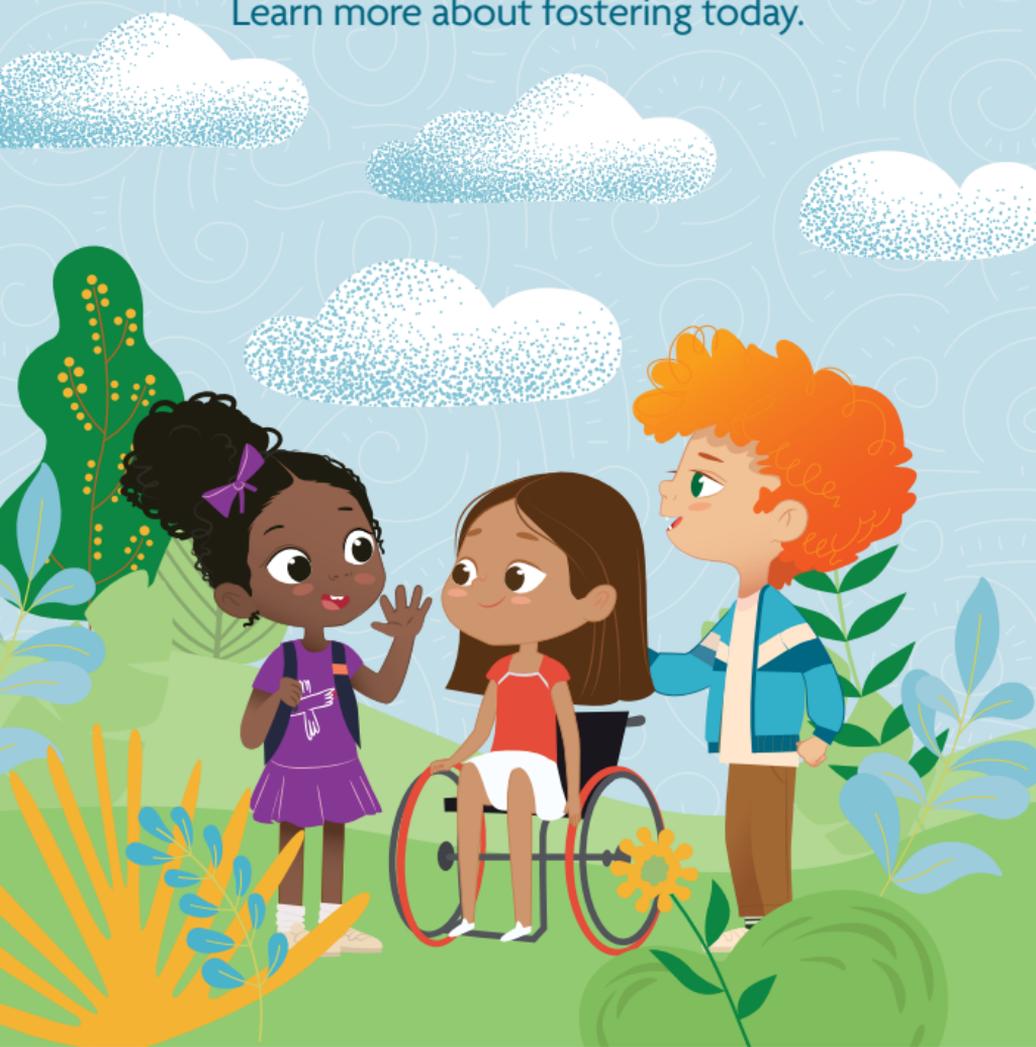


# Become a Foster Parent

With about 5,600 children and youth experiencing foster care in Washington, we need you!

Keep children and youth connected to their family, friends, and community.

Learn more about fostering today.



Washington State Department of  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

Choosing to foster is a personal journey. We are here to support you along the way, from beginning steps to completing the licensing process.

Some of the supports you will receive as a foster parent include:

- Support from the Caregiver Retention, Education and Support (CaRES) program
- Access to high quality training from the Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence
- Monthly foster care reimbursement depending on age and needs
- Mileage reimbursement for transportation
- Respite care
- Child care assistance for working foster parents
- Medical, dental, and vision insurance for children and youth placed in care
- Washington State Foster Home Camping Program and Pass Programs at the Pacific Science Center, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, and more.

**Adults 21+ are encouraged to apply!**

## Ready to get started?

Attend a Foster Parent Information Session



**Learn more: 1-888-KIDS-414**  
**[www.dcyf.wa.gov/  
become-a-foster-parent](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/become-a-foster-parent)**

### LICENSING PROCESS

- Attend pre-service training
- Submit application and background check authorization
- Complete home study requirements
- Meet with staff for home visits and interviews

*Process takes approximately 120 days from application to license.*

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