

REWARDING OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking qualified, capable, competent families interested in Fostering.

If you are even a **little** interested or know someone who might be, please read on...

What does it take to be a Foster Family?

- ★ Be supportive and committed to your own family
- ★ Have good self-esteem and an open mind
- ★ Have good communication skills and a good support system
- ★ Be warm, welcoming caring, and patient
- ★ Be in good health
- ★ Be willing to help children toward permanency, including visitation with family resources
- ★ Have emotional room for others
- ★ Have the ability and the willingness to work with the Agency
- ★ Be active in the community
- ★ Be good listeners
- ★ Be consistent

What does the Agency expect?

- ★ Provide a comfortable bed of his or her own
- ★ Provide a place to store personal items
- ★ Shop for the children's clothes, arrange dental and medical care
- ★ Assure privacy when it is wanted
- ★ Take the child to appointments and extracurricular activities
- ★ Register the child in school
- ★ Make it possible for the child to have access to community services

Will I be paid?

- ★ It is not a job and does not pay a salary
- ★ There is a daily reimbursement for the cost of caring for the child
- ★ Each child receives a monthly clothing allowance
- ★ Each child receives an allowance from the Wash. Co. Children's Committee
- ★ A diaper allowance is paid for children 3 and under
- ★ Medical costs are paid for
- ★ **How to become a Foster Family**
- ★ Attend a MAPP training program
- ★ Be cleared through the SCR for Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- ★ Have an alcohol evaluation
- ★ Have a physical examination, including a tuberculosis test



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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