

Great foster parents are committed to:



Loving all children unconditionally.



Working in partnership with birth family members and child welfare professionals.



Providing ongoing care and support for children until a permanent plan is implemented.



Completing annual continuing education requirements.

Types of foster care

- **Family Foster Care** – provides ongoing care to children and youth while a permanency plan is implemented.
- **Respite** – provides evening or weekend care for a child or youth who is living with another foster family.
- **Therapeutic Foster Care**– Foster parents provide services to children that have been abused, neglected or have experienced serious traumatic events. These children often have difficulty regulating their emotions and may present challenging behaviors. These children have often had multiple placements and need extra support in making a successful transition to foster care.

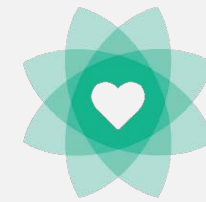
KVC Mission

To enrich and enhance the lives of children and families by providing medical and behavioral healthcare, social services and education.

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Become a Foster Parent

Open your heart and home to a child



Fostering a child has all of the challenges and rewards that come with parenting your own child... and more! It takes patience, perseverance and passion (not perfection) to be a great foster parent.

KVC's track record:

KVC Kentucky has provided services to children and families since 1999. We serve 60 counties across the state of Kentucky, with offices in 8 counties.



How we help:

We've learned the best way we can help foster families is by offering ongoing support, education and training.

In addition to 24/7/365 support from our staff, you will receive ongoing training in trauma parenting, and problem solving among others that will help you support children who have experienced trauma due to abuse or neglect.

About foster care:

Children who enter foster care have often been removed from their homes by the courts due to abuse or neglect.

Foster care is a safe place that gives the child and his or her birth family an opportunity to resolve conflicts or disruptions and learn healthy skills so the child can safely return home. More than half of children who enter foster care are reunited with their birth families.

If reintegration with the child's birth family is not possible, the goal will become adoption or, for older youth, independent living. Also, it is not uncommon for children to be adopted by their foster parents because they have bonded.

To become a foster parent:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be able to meet basic income guidelines.
- Be able to provide adequate bedroom space and a separate bed for each foster child.
- Have reliable transportation.
- Be willing to complete 30 hours of training in Trauma-Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (PS-MAPP).
- Be willing for everyone in your household to undergo complete background checks. Licensees will be fingerprinted as part of the federal Adam Walsh Act.

Support for Our Foster Families Include:

- 24 hour access to In-Home Therapeutic and Case Management Services.
- Unparalleled per-service and continuing education.
- Support groups.
- Respite services.
- Foster Parents night out.
- Organized foster parent and children activities and events.
- Annual Foster Care Conference: This weekend experience will teach you new strategies for handling family challenges while children enjoy fun activities.
- **MyLink™**: The MyLink™ program was designed to give all of our foster families 24/7 support as well as convenient access to trainings using iPads provided by KVC. This iPad means a direct link to a highly-trained, caring therapist who stands ready to listen and help. The technology also provides foster parents with new training on how to handle family challenges.



Take the next step

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, visit kentucky.kvc.org or call us at **(859)327-6760**