

# Foster Care and Foster Parenting

Our Foster Care Program provides temporary homes and services for children placed in foster care by the Court.

In most instances, the goal of foster care is to reunite the children with their families through the team efforts of social workers, foster parents, and other professionals.

- Foster parents may be employed outside their homes and utilize day care.
- Kinship families may be approved as foster parents to care for a child or sibling group who is a relative or well-known to a particular family.



## Potential Foster Parents are :

- Married couples or single adults over the age of 21
- Members of any faith
- Physically and emotionally healthy
- Able to provide a safe, nurturing environment
- Genuinely interested in helping children and working as part of a team with the agency

## Listen to what our Foster Parents have to say . . .

*"We enjoy seeing the positive changes in the children... How could we not do this?"* - Sandy Donchez, foster mother for over 10 years



mother for over 3 years

*"Some people say, 'I can only take one child,' and that's still a great help!"*  
- Kathi Morris, foster



*"If we can help one child, we can do a lot of good."*

- Charles Morris, foster father for over 3 years

## Listen to what our Foster Siblings have to say . . .

*"I like being a foster brother!"*

- Benjamin, 4 yrs. old

*"I like it when the children come and playing with them. With the babies, I usually like to play Peek-a-Boo."*

- Julianne, 6 yrs. old



## Types of Services Provided:

- Pre-service and Continuing Education for Foster Parents
- Foster Family Home Studies
- Child Placement and Supervision
- Supervised Visitation with Birth Families
- Parenting Education for Birth Families
- 24 Hour On-call Caseworker Availability
- Opportunity to Adopt through affiliation with the State Wide Adoption and Permanency Network
- Respite Care for Foster Parents

## Service Locations:

Our foster homes are located in

- Lehigh County
- Northampton County
- Berks County
- Schuylkill County
- Carbon County

Service offices are located in

- Allentown
- Reading
- Pottsville

## Fees and Funding:

Foster Parents receive a stipend toward the costs of caring for a child or sibling group. There is a foster parent mileage reimbursement for travel expenses related to child/family visitation, counseling, medical and dental appointments, court appearances and agency sponsored training. Medical care and prescriptions for children are covered through managed care.