

**CHOR Youth & Family Services, Inc.**  
**Specialized Foster Care Program**

**Is Foster Parenting for You?**

***Foster Parenting is . . .***

\*An opportunity to help the child in your home maintain or improve relationships with family and friends; school adjustment; and physical growth and development.

\*To maintain an attitude of respect and understanding toward the parents of the child in your home because these people are important to the child.

\*To help the agency in the development and implementation of casework plans for the child in your home.

\*To continue to meet the needs of your own family while sharing your family with the child in your care.

***Household Requirements***

\*At least one flush toilet, wash basin, and one bath or shower with hot/cold running water

\*An operable heating system

\*An operable telephone

\*Appropriate sleeping areas with clean, comfortable clearances mattress and clean linens, blankets and pillow

\*Foster children of the opposite sex who are 5 years of age or older may not share the same bedroom

\*Follow DPW safety regulations

***Who are the children in foster care?***

\*Siblings that need to be placed together

\*Babies through teens, who are any race or religion

\*Some may have medical needs

\*Most have been physically or sexually abused or neglected

\*Teen mothers with their children

***Who Can Be a Foster Parent? You Can***

\*Have various life experiences

\*Be single, married, divorced, or in a partnership

\*Be with or without children

\*Rent or own your home

\*Have a modest income

\*Be a working parent

\*Have a disability

***Foster Parent Requirements***

\*Be at least (21) years of age

\*Pass medical appraisal by a licensed physician

\*Pass screening requirements related to child abuse and criminal history

\*Have a valid driver's license and a fully insured vehicle

\*Complete preservice trainings and participate in ongoing trainings

***Other Considerations***

\*Have the energy and time to give foster children the attention they need

\*Be able to ask for help and not be embarrassed

\*Work with social workers and other community professionals

**If you are interested in opening your heart to a child in need**

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