

What is Foster Care?

The Children's Aid Society of Algoma strives to ensure that children and youth live in a safe and healthy environment. Foster care is a protective service for children whose family problems are serious enough to require a temporary period of time out of the home.

Foster parents provide a home for children who are in the care of the Children's Aid Society. Foster parents play an important role in the child's daily life by acting as role models, teacher and nurturers. Foster parents work as part of a team with Society staff towards establishing the best plan for each child.

Foster parents may provide long-term, short-term, respite, relief or emergency care to children ages 0-16.



What supports are provided?

The Children's Aid Society of Algoma provides:

- Initial orientation and ongoing training.
- A daily, tax-free reimbursement for the child's cost of living.
- Medical and dental coverage for foster children, as well as allowances for clothing, recreation, gifts, and more.
- Access to other therapeutic services a child may require.
- An assigned worker for support and assistance.
- Periodic relief.
- After hours on-call worker available for emergencies.



Who are the children?

Each child is unique and brings along different strengths, interests and needs. Children who require care are 0–16 years of age, come from various racial, cultural and religious backgrounds, are single children or are part of a sibling group.

Who Fosters?

Foster parents come from all walks of life, races and cultures. They are single or two parent families. They have raised their own children, are still raising their children or have no children of their own. They are working or are stay-at-home parents. They are same sex couples, and people from the LGBTQ community. Most importantly, they are people with a belief in the well-being of children.



To learn more about becoming a foster parent, contact:

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The Initial Call

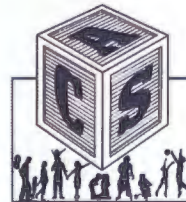
For many of us there has been a time when we wanted to reach out to help a child in need, perhaps a neighbor, a relative, or a friend of our own child.

Foster families are provided with



professional support, training, and financial assistance to help them care for children.

Making that initial call gives you the opportunity to learn more about fostering, and to decide if fostering is a good fit for you.



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