

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have to be married?

No, foster parents can be single or married.

Can foster parents be employed?

Yes, foster parents can work outside the home. Foster parents must have income sufficient to support their own family.

Do foster parents need to provide health insurance for children in care?

No, children in foster care receive Medicaid Insurance.

What do foster parents do?

Foster parents provide for all of the child's needs including food, shelter, clothing, and emotional support and guidance. Transportation to medical appointments, family visits and counseling are also responsibilities of the foster parent.

Are foster parents given any training?

Yes, training is required initially and on an ongoing basis.

What about expenses for children in care?

To help meet the daily needs of food, shelter, clothing allowance and incidental expenses, certified foster parents are reimbursed for some of the costs of caring for a child. Financial support is also available for foster families.



Helping children and families since 1948.



Interested in getting information about becoming a foster parent or host home?


Please Call 989-577-5814


Mission

The Mission of Holy Cross Services is to bring hope, promote change, and help people live free, healthy, and productive lives.



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Become a Foster Parent




What is Foster Care?

Foster Care is temporary care for children ages 0-17 who have been removed from their families due to either abuse and neglect, delinquent behaviors, or abandonment. The most common goal in foster care is to reunite families. Foster parents are important members of a team striving to attain that goal.

Children who have entered foster care frequently require more patience and understanding from their caregivers. Parenting experience is helpful but taking care of children who are part of the foster care system is very different than raising your own. Training and our support staff help prepare foster parents to take on these responsibilities. Caseworkers or other agency staff are available on a 24-hour basis for support.

If you....

Want to help children in need
Have room in your home and your heart
Are interested in helping families heal and reunite


Please consider becoming a foster parent.

Call today.

The need is great and you can make a positive change in a child's life!

"You might be temporary in their lives. They might be temporary in yours. But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson". –Tonia Christle

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What's the next step?

Call one of the Holy Cross Services offices listed on the back of this brochure and ask for the Licensing Worker. We will mail you basic information about foster care. You may then attend an orientation that provides more in-depth information about foster care, the needs of children in care and the foster home licensing process.



At the orientation meeting you can determine if fostering is the right choice for you and your family. You are under no obligation to pursue foster parenting by attending. If you decide to pursue becoming a licensed foster home, a Foster Home Licensing Worker will visit your home, perform a preliminary inspection, and begin the licensing process. You will also be informed of options to receive the required training per state and agency rules.

Other Holy Cross Services

In addition to foster care, Holy Cross Services provides a continuum of services for children and families, including adoption, residential treatment, Independent Living Plus and Independent Living for youth bridging into adulthood. Services are provided in a multi-county area and differ by location.

Holy Cross Services is changing lives for the better throughout the state of Michigan.

