



Friendship House Foster Care

Whether you have made the decision to become a foster parent today, or you are considering foster care, Friendship House can answer your questions and assist you with caring for a child in need and ensuring him or her a happy, healthy future.

Foster Care is a situation in which children reside with and are cared for by a foster family. Sometimes natural parents are simply unable to meet their children's needs, and children are removed from their biological homes to ensure their safety and their chances for healthy physical, social and emotional development.

Foster Care is ideally a temporary situation which allows children to receive nurturing, guidance and intervention in a caring family environment. In some instances, fostering may offer the opportunity for adoption.



Who Is A Foster Parent?

Foster parents are devoted, special people who are able to provide...

- care and supervision within a safe environment
- encouragement for a child to learn and develop
- a foundation for a child to learn how to trust again
- a structured home environment



How Is a Foster Parent Supported?

Friendship House uses a team approach, providing monthly training and 24-hour on-call support, as well as ongoing case management. Financial support includes a monthly stipend to meet the child's daily needs. Medical and dental coverage is provided through the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Program.



Who Are The Children?

Children in foster care...

- may have various ethnic backgrounds
- may be infants, toddlers, of school-age or teenagers
- may be part of a sibling group who do not want to be separated
- may be physically or mentally fragile
- may have been abandoned or neglected
- may have been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused
- may have medical complications

All children in foster care need a family who can provide love, safety and nurturing.

You Can Foster a Child if You...

- are patient, flexible, understanding and committed
- are a parent or have no parenting experience
- are 21 years of age or older
- are financially stable
- are married, single, divorced or widowed
- successfully complete the Friendship House foster care orientation and approval process.

How to Get Started

To receive more information about fostering a child, call Friendship House:

In Northeast PA

Call 1-800-588-0058

In Southeast PA

Call 1-800 - 32-HOUSE

In Philadelphia: 215-438-6665

In Pottstown: 610-327-2200

In Scranton: 570-342-8305

The Mission of Friendship House

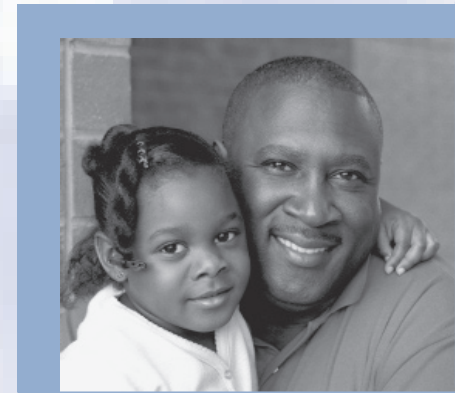
The mission of Friendship House is to provide a continuum of quality programs and services to enhance the emotional, behavioral and social well-being of children and families in the communities we serve. Adapting to society's ever-changing needs will enable Friendship House to sustain this mission as it has since its founding in 1871.

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