ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT

Foster families receive monthly reimbursements and medical coverage to help meet the daily living needs of each child. This will cover costs including food, clothing, educational expenses, and daycare for each child. Additional supports include monthly visits from an agency caseworker, availability of staff to assist with concerns, and training opportunities.

Adoptive families may receive a medical card and financial assistance in the form of monthly subsidy for certain children who qualify based on their special needs. Adoption is a lifelong commitment. After finalization, Warren County will help arrange counseling and refer to necessary services and other assistance upon request from the adoptive family. You will discuss Adoption Assistance with your caseworker prior to adoption.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our staff will be happy to provide you with the information and materials you need. Call us Today!

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WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

Be a Shining Light in a Child's Life

BECOME A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE FAMILY
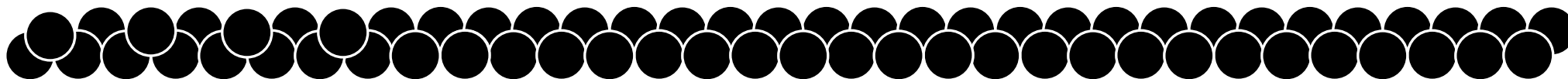
FOSTER FAMILIES

Sometimes children are abused or neglected and it is not safe for them to stay at home. The court may decide it's best for a child to stay with relatives or a foster family.

Usually, the first choice for a child who needs temporary care is a relative's home. If this is not possible, he or she may need to stay in a foster family's home. The goal of foster care is to provide for physical, emotional, and social needs of children in a "substitute" family setting until the child can be reunified with their own family.

The majority of children in foster care return home to their parents; however, when children cannot safely go home, their parents' legal rights are terminated and the children are available for adoption.

Foster parents are special people who recognize the special needs of children living in a troubled family. Through their investment of time, energy, love and guidance, foster parents can make a difference in the lives of the children and families in need.

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Most children who are awaiting adoption are adopted by their foster parents. Sometimes foster parents are unable to adopt and new adoptive families are needed.

As an adoptive family, you will offer these waiting children a sense of belonging, a place to call home, and unconditional love. You will offer them a place to go for the holidays, someone to share good news with or ask for advice, and people they can depend on. You will give them a family.

WHO ARE THE CHILDREN

Most of the children in need of permanent homes fall into the following categories: teens and children with physical, emotional or mental disabilities.

Please call us to find out more about the children available for adoption in Warren County.

BASIC REQUIRMENTS FOR FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

All kinds of people are foster/adoptive parents. They may be younger or older; have young children, adult children, or no biological children at all. They may own their own home or rent; be one or two-income family, or even retired. They are regular people. They are not "perfect" parents and they do not have all the answers. They just care about kids, are committed to "family," and want to help others through a rough time.

Some General Requirements:

- At least 21 years old to foster and 18 years old to adopt.

- Mentally/emotionally stable

- Able to meet your financial obligations and have a consistent source of income

- Free from disease or health problems that impair your ability to care for children

Please call for a complete list of requirements and rules.