



5 Things You Must Know Before Fostering

Hello there! If you're considering becoming a foster parent (which in Indiana we now refer to with the term "Resource Parent") there are a few important things you should know before taking the plunge. We understand that this is a big decision. It's natural that you have some fears or concerns. We at Every Child Indiana are here to provide you with some encouraging information that will hopefully ease your worries.

1. Foster care is meant to be temporary

One of the biggest fears that prospective foster parents have is that they will become too attached to the child in their care, only to have them leave after a significant amount of time. This is a valid concern. It's important to remember, however, that foster care is meant to be a temporary solution. The ultimate goal is to reunite the child with their biological family when safely possible, if that's not possible, a plan is put in place by the court to give the child stability often via guardianship or adoption.

2. You don't have to be perfect

Many people are hesitant to become foster parents because they feel like they have to be perfect. The truth is, no one is perfect, and that's okay. What's important is that you have a stable home environment, you are willing to learn about trauma, and have a lot of love to give. The rest can be learned along the way.

3. You will make a difference

Fostering a child can have a profound impact on their life. You have the opportunity to provide a safe and loving home for a child who has experienced trauma or instability in their past. By opening your home and your heart, you can help a child heal and grow.



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4. You will be part of a community

Fostering can be a lonely experience, but it doesn't have to be. There are many other foster parents out there who are going through the same thing you are. By joining a foster parent support group or connecting with other foster parents online, you can build a network of people who understand what you're going through and can offer support and encouragement.

5. You will receive support

Being a foster parent is not easy, and it's okay to ask for help. Every Child Indiana has an abundance of resources and partners with support programs all over the state. We invite you to click below and let us know if you would like to be connect to support groups in your area!

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