



INTERESTED IN BEING A FOSTER PARENT?

The philosophy of Virginia's Foster Care Program is to maintain family unity and keep a child in the home whenever possible. When placement of a child in foster care becomes necessary, the goal of the foster care program is to ensure that a child's needs are met. Foster Care is the provision of temporary care and services for a child who cannot presently remain in his/her own home. Foster families make a commitment to provide total care for a child placed in their home until a permanent placement is found. Resource families make a dual commitment to a foster child and to support the child's return to his/her biological family.

Eligibility for foster, adoptive or resource parenting requires:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have sufficient income to meet their own needs
- Commit to meeting the individual needs of children
- Be willing to provide a healthy, safe and nurturing home for children
- Be willing to work in partnership with children, birth parents and our agency to help resolve problems and reunite the family
- Complete an application
- Consent to a national criminal background check
- Consent to a child abuse/neglect record check
- Provide personal references
- Provide medical (TB test and physical)
- Provide financial information
- Attend all required training
- Work with a social worker to complete a home study assessment. This is an in depth opportunity for the social worker and family to decide if becoming a resource (foster/adoptive) provider is a viable option for the family.

If you are interested please contact the Goochland Department of Social Services at 804-556-5880.

