

Providing a Home When It's Needed Most

Even more than most kids, foster children need stability, comfort, and routine in their lives. Foster caregivers typically provide a temporary but essential home for foster children to ensure they are safe and cared for.



Care Needed in Every Community

Being able to stay in the same school, see friends, and maintain family and community connections can give kids in foster care some much-needed stability. DCF is actively seeking to expand its network of foster parents across the state.

Who can be a foster parent?

You don't have to be a certain kind of person or family—successful foster parents come from many walks of life and represent all kinds of families.



You can be single, married, partnered, divorced, or widowed.



You can have birth children or daycare children.



You can rent or own a home.



You can live in any town in the state.

¿Habla español?
Usted puede ser un "foster parent"!

Fala português?
Você pode ser um "foster parent"!

Pale kreyòl?
Ou ka gen yon "foster parent"!

There is an especially pressing need for caregivers with medical training (for kids with special medical needs), Spanish, Haitian, or Portuguese speakers, and parents open to older children and sibling groups.

Find Out More!

Call us, visit the DCF website, come to an information session, talk to a current foster parent – we encourage you to find out more about how to become a foster parent, get your questions answered, and learn what you can expect as a foster parent. All foster parents in Massachusetts have access to ongoing support and resources.

DCF has offices throughout the state. Go to our website or call toll-free to find the area office nearest you:

Phone: (800) KIDS-508

Web: mass.gov/dcf

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