

# Become a Racine County Foster Parent



Foster parents play a critical role for children and families. The foster parent's primary task is to temporarily care for a child until the child can achieve permanency. The foster parent's role is also unique and involves much more. Every day, foster families in Racine County make a difference in children's lives by providing safe, nurturing and loving homes. Foster care is home-like care provided by licensed foster parents for children who cannot live with their parents because they:

- are unsafe
- have special care or treatment needs that their parents are unable to manage
- other circumstances resulting in their parents or family being unable to care for them

Children are placed in foster care for various reasons. Some examples include:

- a child who has been neglected
- a child who has been abused
- a child whose parent is in jail or is hospitalized and has no one to care for them during their parents' absence
- a child who has significant medical or mental health needs

**We need your help! Will you make a difference in the life of a foster child?**

*“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . . but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”*  
*Forest Witcraft*

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