

Becoming a foster parent is one of the most important jobs you'll ever do! It's challenging, but so rewarding; and the sacrifices you'll make will, in turn, bless and enrich your life in so many ways. Children come into the system of care for many different reasons, but the one thing that remains true for every child is their need for a loving and nurturing home where they can feel safe and cared for. As a foster parent, you must be able to be flexible with a good sense of humor, as well as be able to set realistic boundaries and structure. You must advocate for what the child needs, and be willing to work in partnership with all of the people involved in the child's life even when you don't understand some of the decisions being made. Most of all, you must be open to giving your heart away; bonding with the child, falling completely in love, and then being prepared to let them go. And, when the phone rings for another child who needs you, be ready to do it all again!