



Every child has the right to grow and develop in a family environment. When a child can't live with his or her natural family, the next best thing is a foster family.

York Region Children's Aid Society (CAS) needs loving, supportive and compassionate families to become foster homes and provide a family environment for children in need.

We're looking for people who love children. People who want to contribute to our community. People who want to use their passion, commitment and unique talents to make a lasting difference in the life of a child.

Our mission is to ensure the well being of children in York Region through protection, prevention and advocacy, in partnership with families and community.



York Region
Children's Aid Society

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www.YorkCAS.org

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Why do we need foster parents?

When children are unable to live with their natural families because their parents can't care for them or because of abuse or neglect, they are taken into the temporary care of a children's aid society (CAS). The long term goal is to reunite the family but, until the family's problems are resolved, children need the secure and nurturing environment of a foster home. Foster placement may last a few days or many years.

Who can be a foster parent/foster family?

Foster parents in York Region reflect the community's diversity in cultural, spiritual, economic and lifestyle circumstances. A foster parent must be at least 18 years of age. He or she can be married or single and have children or not. Foster parents tend to share these values:

- They view children as precious and consider parenting important.
- They have a basic understanding of children, their development and their needs.
- They enjoy new learning.
- They love to laugh and have an optimistic and positive life view.
- They are patient and consistent yet able to meet new challenges with flexibility.
- They are resilient and able to ensure their own wellness.

Can foster parents choose?

Foster parents can express a preference when they feel their skills and home environment are most suitable to children of certain ages and backgrounds. Children range in age from infants to the age of 16. Foster parents can choose to take only female or male children. Foster homes are most needed for infants, teenagers and medically fragile children.

How are foster parents trained?

Foster parents and families participate in an intensive training program. The Parenting Resources for Information, Development and Education (PRIDE) program is designed to strengthen the quality of family foster care and adoption services.

After completing the program, the prospective foster family and York Region CAS assess whether fostering is a good fit.

Once approved, a personalized learning plan is developed in consultation with a Foster Care Support Worker.

Are foster parents paid?

Foster Parents receive a daily non-taxable reimbursement for children and youth residing in their home to cover the cost of food, shelter and other living expenses. As well, there are clothing and recreational allowances. Health and dental coverage is provided by the York Region CAS.

What's the first step?

Simply make a telephone call to York Region CAS. An information package will be sent to qualified callers.

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