



Becoming a Foster Parent



York Region
Children's Aid Society

Worker's Name:

Phone: 905-895-2318 or
1-800-718-3850 ext. _____

Agency website:
www.yorkcas.org



York Region Children's Aid Society is looking for foster parents from all communities to ensure inclusive and responsive services for children and youth.

Foster Parents are Needed

If Children's Aid Society finds that a child is unsafe, whether physically, emotionally, or from neglect, they may be moved to an alternate place of safety. When this happens, the goal is to have children live with people they have established relationships with, such as extended family or friends so they live with people they know and love. This is known as a kinship arrangement. If a kin option is not available, a child will come into the temporary care of Children's Aid Society and live with a foster family. During this time, Children's Aid Society works with the child's family to re-establish a safe home environment. Our goal is to work with families to ensure children can live safely with their families.

Responsibilities of a Foster Parent

- Provide a safe, secure, and nurturing home for children coming into the temporary care of Children's Aid Society while the child's parents work to resolve issues
- Help children maintain a relationship with their parents and people who are important to the child
- Support children and help them stay connected to their community, school, and family
- Participate in planning for their care

Support for Foster Parents

- Assigned a Foster Care Support Worker who develops a personalized learning plan for your ongoing training and support
 - Receive peer support through the Foster Parent Association
 - Health and dental coverage provided by Children's Aid Society
 - Relief coverage
 - Daily, non-taxable reimbursement to assist with the cost of food, clothing, shelter, and other living expenses for the children placed in your home
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Assessing Foster Parents

- Police background and child welfare checks for all adults living in your home to ensure no history of child abuse or neglect
- Home visits by a Children's Aid Society worker
- Proof of ability to provide a safe, supportive, and secure living environment for children, including stable family income
- References from people who know you
- Medical examination and reference from your doctor for everyone living in your home

Becoming a Foster Parent

- 1 Please contact us for an application package at: www.fosteringatork.com
- 2 Once we receive your completed application, we arrange a home visit and interview.
- 3 If eligible, you will participate in training that involves nine three-hour sessions, online or in person.
- 4 We conduct a Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) home study to determine your eligibility, suitability, and readiness to become a foster parent.
The time spent during the application approval process provides time for you to learn about the role of fostering and to think about your decision to become a foster parent.
- 5 Once you are approved, you are formally opened as a foster home and assigned a Foster Care Support Worker.
- 6 When a child or youth is in need of a foster home, we contact you to discuss placing them with you.

Take the First Step to Become a Foster Parent

Please feel welcome to call or email us to learn more or ask questions:



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How to Make a Complaint

Not everyone is approved to be a foster parent. If you have concerns, we want to understand and work with you to reach a resolution.

Please talk about your concerns with us as soon as possible.

For information on Children's Aid Society's formal complaint procedure, please visit our website:

www.yorkcas.org/client.asp

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