

Research shows that youth who are in foster care do best in family environments. It is our goal to support or children during their time in foster care by providing them with a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact us as soon as possible.



### Changing our community, one caring heart at a time.





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## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT?



Caroline County Department of Social Services

The Philosophy of the foster care program in Caroline County is to promote positive change in a child's family system in order to achieve reunification. The goal is to provide services to enable a child to return home or to find a permanent home for a child.



Children in foster care are newborns to 21 years of age. There are some who may have emotional or behavioral problems as a result of abuse or neglect. There are also some who may have physical or mental disabilities.

Many of the children in foster care are older (10-17 years old) and many are a part of sibling groups that need to stay together. All children in foster care need a loving, secure, stable family and home environment.

### We Need You!



Foster Parents are people who open their homes to a child and are committed to meet the individual needs of the child. Foster Parents work in partnership with the child, the Agency, and the birth parents to assist in resolving problems and reuniting the family whenever possible. Initial intensive training is provided as well as ongoing training.

### HELP KEEP CAROLINE FOSTER CHILDREN IN CAROLINE!

We want our children to remain in their Caroline County community. Currently, there are few local families certified to be foster parents. Therefore, children are placed with approved families in other counties. We are seeking foster parents within Caroline County who are willing to be trained and certified so that our youth can remain in the community and familiar surroundings.



# We believe every child deserves a home.

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