

FAKS

Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Services



Providing a network of resources to facilitate family education, family support, recruitment, and retention for foster, adoptive, and kinship families.

Who is FAKS?

FAKS is a workgroup in Livingston County made up of foster parents and representatives from local organizations. FAKS aims to support families involved in foster care and/or adoption.

Families are needed

Children may come into foster care due to abuse, neglect, or delinquency. The goal of foster care is to reunify and strengthen families. When efforts to reunify children with their birth parents are unsuccessful, the court makes these children eligible for adoption. Children may be adopted by their foster parents or by other families who wish to adopt. Foster parents are also needed to provide short term respite care or emergency placement for children.

Supports available through FAKS

- Relevant trainings
- Family Events
- Reimbursement for small expenses not covered by agency or other entity
- Referrals for services:
 - ◇ Foster Parent Mentor
 - ◇ Support Groups
 - ◇ Respite
 - ◇ CASA
 - ◇ Trauma Assessments

Join FAKS

Get involved in supporting foster, adoptive, and kinship families in Livingston County.
Call Anne Rennie at 517-586-2039.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent?

Where to Start

Learn more about:

- Foster care licensing
- PRIDE training schedules
- Reimbursement provided for cost of care
- Becoming a licensed relative placement
- And more by contacting:

Foster Care Navigator:

fcnp.org or 855 - MICKIDS (642-4543)

Choose an Agency

Many agencies assist with foster care and adoption cases:

Livingston County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (517) 548-0233

Livingston County Catholic Charities (517) 545-5944

Growing Hope through Love (517) 798-4020

Family and Community Services (517) 615-1275

Samaritas (810) 280-9127

Orchards Children's Services (248) 258-0440

Ennis Center for Children (248) 334-2715

Resource Lists—www.livgov.com/hscb/Pages/fosteradoptkinship.aspx

Volunteer

Not ready to be a foster parent? Be a mentor to a child in foster care.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (517) 546-1140

HUGS Program (810) 991-1116

CASA Program (517) 548-1350

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