

## Are you Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent?

### Foster Parents & Relative Placements

You can learn more about the foster parent licensing process, PRIDE training schedules, and learn about the monetary and non-monetary benefits of being a licensed relative placement. Take a moment to get your questions answered and explore the option of sharing your home.

**Foster Care Navigator:**  
**fcnp.org or 855—MICKIDS (642-4543)**

### Support and contacts

Foster parents are provided reimbursement for the cost of care as established by the State of Michigan. There are many agencies to assist with foster care and adoption cases. These organizations include:

Liv. Dept. of Health and Human Services	(517) 548-0233
Livingston Catholic Charities	(517) 545-5944
Orchards Children's Services	(248) 258-0440
Growing Hope through Love	(517) 798-4020
Family and Community Services	(517) 615-1275
Samaritas	(810) - 280-9127

**Resource Lists—[www.livgov.com/hscb/Pages/fosteradoptkinship.aspx](http://www.livgov.com/hscb/Pages/fosteradoptkinship.aspx)**

### Be a Mentor

Not sure you are ready to be a foster parent? Be a mentor to a child in foster care. Opportunities exist for community members over the age of 21 who want to be a mentor to a child in foster care.

Call Big Brother Big Sisters at (517) 546-1140,

Call HUGS program at 810-991-1116

**PLEASE CONTACT**

**517-548-0233**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## **Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Services (FAKS)**

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

### **Who is FAKS?**

The Livingston County FAKS Workgroup is made up of foster parents and representatives from local organizations dedicated to offering safe and supportive placements to children that are not living in their family home. FAKS works with families in the county that open their homes to children from other families by being foster parents or relative caregivers. FAKS also assists families who are interested in 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 shorter term respite care or emergency placement for children.

### **Connect to supports through FAKS**

- Long and short term placements
- Educational services
- Training and support group services
- Small uncovered expense reimbursement
- Respite placements
- CASA Support if needed
- Trauma Assessments

### **Join the FAKS Committee**

Want to get involved in supporting foster, adoptive, and kinship care families in Livingston County? Call Anne Rennie at 517-586-2039.