

Who is FAKS?

The Livingston County Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS) Workgroup is made up of foster parents and representatives from local organizations dedicated to offering safe and supported 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. FAKS also assists families who are interested in adoption.

Connect to services through FAKS

- Long and short term placements
- Educational services
- Training and support group services
- Casework Services
- Small uncovered expense reimbursement
- Counseling services
- Guardian ad litem/attorney services
- Respite placements

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 for children.

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. Department of Human Services	(517) 548-0233
Livingston Catholic Charities	(517) 545-5944
Livingston County Court	(517) 546-1500
Orchards Children's Services	(248) 258-0440
Growing Hope through Love	(517) 798-4020
Family and Community Services	(517) 615-1275
Samaritas	(734) 971-1944

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Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Services

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

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.

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. Former foster parents, former foster children, teachers and all other folks interested in mentoring teens are strongly encouraged to apply.

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

Join the FAKS Committee

Want to get involved in supporting foster, adoptive and kinship care families in Livingston? Join the FAKS workgroup! Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30AM at 2300 E. Grand River, Howell, MI. Help plan events, coordinate fundraising, & expand the work FAKS does.

**PLEASE CONTACT
517-548-0233
FOR MORE INFORMATION**