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FOSTER CARE AT Lawrence HallSM

Serving Chicago as well as Cook, DuPage, McHenry, Kane, Lake, and Will counties, our **Foster Care** program takes every measure to ensure that the child in care is provided with supportive foster parents and caseworkers that are sensitive to childhood trauma. In addition, youth in care receive additional supports in the form of individual and family therapies.

Our goal is always the child's successful transition to a stable, long-term placement — also called “permanency” — whether it is with their birth family, guardianship, or an adoptive family.



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READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

“Every child needs at least one person who is really crazy about them.”

URIE BRONFENBRENNER
Developmental Psychologist



HEALTHY FOSTER

If nurturing is in your nature, fostering a child can be a powerful way to help families in your community. And there isn't just one type of foster parent — our foster parents' backgrounds reflect our greater Chicago community and help in a variety of ways.

WHO CAN BE A FOSTER PARENT?

- Married/partnered, single, divorced, or widowed
- Employed or retired
- Homeowners or renters
- All racial and ethnic backgrounds
- LGBTQIA+
- Currently a parent/guardian or without children

STATE QUALIFICATIONS:

- 21+ years of age
- Social and home assessment
- Foster parent training
- Criminal background check
- Be financially stable
- Be in good physical and mental health

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FROM LAWRENCE HALL CAN INCLUDE:

- Respite hours every month
- 24/7 Lawrence Hall crisis line
- In-house mental health therapists, educational liaisons, and occupational therapy resources
- Training in de-escalation and crisis intervention
- Foster parent mentors, support group, and treatment team including a Family Support Specialist to liaise between foster and birth families and promote reunification
- Cross-program support for the whole family, such as youth mentoring and employment development



RESILIENT FOSTER



For children, the transition from being under the care of their birth parent(s), to seeking the safe haven of a foster parent, is a time marked with deep uncertainty. There are several types of foster care to support children while parents address the causes of out-of-home placement:

- Emergency or short-term placement
- Long-term or foster-to-adopt
- Residential treatment center
- Live-in, multi-child foster family home

WHO IS IN NEED OF FOSTER CARE?

- Youth who have experienced trauma or neglect
- Children from newborn age up to 21 years
- Individual children or sibling groups
- All racial and ethnic backgrounds
- LGBTQIA+ youth
- Children with special needs

