



## Foster Care at Family Services of NW PA

Family Services of NW PA is a licensed adoption and foster care agency with a strong commitment to Strengthening Families and Transforming Lives. We know that foster families come in all shapes and sizes and believe children of all ages need a stable, loving family.

### Foster Parent Requirements

- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Must be physically and mentally able to care for children and be free from communicable diseases.
- Must be able to obtain Child Abuse, Criminal and FBI clearances.
- Must be able to complete required trainings.
- Must be able to prove that you are financially stable.

### Foster Family Home Requirements:

- An operable toilet. A sink and bathtub with hot and cold running water.
- An operable heating system.
- An operable telephone.
- A suitable sleeping area for foster children with a clean, comfortable mattress, and clean linens, blankets and pillows.
- The ability to lock medications and keep other toxic materials inaccessible to children.
- Emergency telephone numbers posted.
- Fireplaces in good working order.
- Smoke alarms on each level of the home.
- Carbon Monoxide detectors.
- Fire extinguisher kept in the kitchen.
- Protective safety caps on outlets.
- No exposed electrical wires.
- If your home uses well water, the ability for the well to be tested as potable.
- The ability to lock firearms and ammunition separately where they are inaccessible to children.

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**It only takes one caring adult to impact a child's life. Are you the one?** If so, learn how to become a foster parent today at [www.FosterNWPAAKids.org](http://www.FosterNWPAAKids.org).