



What Foster Parents Would Mean to Us.

They would mean the chance for us to stay together. . . to grow together. . . to be the family we were meant to be.

Our father's gone. Our mother's in trouble. We can't make it on our own. Can you help us?

Generally speaking, there are not enough licensed foster parents or licensed emergency foster care parents in Boone County and surrounding township areas. Unfortunately, when a child or sibling group is remanded by court to the care of DCFS and there are no relatives, fictive kin or licensed foster parents available in the child's own community, placement must be sought outside of his/her home community. As a result, youth in care may have increased issues of distress, fear, agitation and restlessness. A young person's trauma and anxiety is lessened when placed in a licensed foster home within their own neighborhood, community and township. DCFS has launched an initiative to recruit more licensed foster homes statewide and is targeting areas such as Boone County and surrounding areas that need licensed foster parents for their youth in care. Please consider being a foster parent in your community.

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