Who can be a foster parent?

Foster parents can be married or single, can live in the city, suburbs or country, can be working or retired. If you are an Illinois resident and can answer yes to all of the following questions, you may be eligible to become an LCFS foster parent:

- Are you at least 21 years old?
- Are you willing to submit to a criminal background check?
- Are you financially able to care for yourself and your own family?
- Are you in good health?
- Are you able to meet the demands of children on a 24-hour basis?

How to become a foster parent

Contact LCFS at 800-363-5237 or lcfs_info@lcfs.org to begin the process. A packet of information will be sent to you as well as an invitation to attend an informational meeting. You will need to complete an application, have a medical evaluation completed by your personal physician and participate in a training series. In addition, the law requires that a criminal background check be conducted on all applicants, which means you will be fingerprinted. References will also be checked and an agency employee will be visiting you and your family in your home.

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Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) annually improves the well-being of people statewide by nurturing and protecting children, strengthening families and transforming communities. We serve all faiths, races, orientations and ethnic backgrounds.

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“As a foster parent, LCFS gives me the support I need to give back to a child who needs my care.”
— LCFS Regenerations Foster Parent

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Regenerations is part of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois’ (LCFS) foster-care program and serves youth who are in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and involved in the juvenile justice system.

Regenerations youth usually range in age from 12–20 and have criminal records and requirements related to their probation/parole.

Regenerations’ ultimate goal is to reduce recidivism through intensive wraparound services. These services, which are provided to youth to help them make changes in their lives include:

- Advocacy
- Education
- Life Skills
- Therapy
- Vocational Training

The program works to provide a stable environment for these youth. That means living in a community setting; being enrolled in school; working with an advocate up to thirty hours a week; taking part in activities that interest them; substance-abuse treatment and becoming involved and invested in their communities. The youth and their families are provided with services to help create a strong-enough support network that the youth will continue to be stable in the community even after their formal involvement with the program ends.

LCFS is looking for families who can provide a supportive and nurturing home to these youth. Foster parents for this program must be willing to work with adolescents and actively participate in their child and family teams.

Do you remember being a teenager and the struggles, issues and challenges you faced? Who helped you through this difficult time?

If you believe in second chances and have a commitment to adolescents, we would love to have you as a foster parent. Contact LCFS at 800-363-5237 or lcfs_info@lcfs.org for more information on becoming a foster parent.