



*Change a life.
Change the future.
Be a foster parent.*



Serving Northeast Florida

Children's Home Society of Florida
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**Call (904) 493-7711
to start your journey today.**

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*Open your heart
Open your home
Become a foster parent.*



A child is waiting for you *right now*

On any given day, thousands of Florida children are unable to **live safely at home** ... at least for a little while.

These children — victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment — find hope, healing and safety with **caring foster families**.

Right now, children in our community need a loving foster home ... **there simply aren't enough**.

Will you open your heart and home to a child who needs you?

“Watching them thrive ... to see them go from where they were when they came into our home to where they are now ... it's amazing. They're little miracles.”

—Melanie
foster parent



Therapeutic foster care

Children who have suffered extreme trauma often have severe emotional and behavioral needs. Therapeutic foster families complete very specialized training so they are equipped to best help children in their home.

Medically involved special needs foster care

In addition to traditional preparation, foster parents who care for kids in the medically involved special needs foster care program receive specialized training to provide for the unique medical needs of children in their home.

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What can I expect?

Complete a phone interview

Attend a free orientation

Complete 27 hours of training to learn how to best care for our kids. You'll find out:

- How the foster care system works
- How to access resources for children in your home
- How to engage and support birth families
- How to respect and encourage dignity in children
- How to be the best foster parent you can be

Complete 24 hours of specialized training to become a therapeutic or medical foster parent

Undergo background screenings, employment and reference checks

Complete a thorough home study

Receive your license in about four to six months

Start changing lives

“I have the ability to help change lives. Every kid is a better person when he leaves my home than when he arrived.”

—Randy, foster parent



Why Children's Home Society of Florida?

We've been caring for children and supporting families for more than a century.

We're known for our **commitment to foster parents** — we're a team, and we're in it together.

CHS is here every step of the way — and we're just a phone call away.