

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



Serving Volusia, Flagler and Putnam counties

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Call (386) 341-2855 to start your journey today.

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# 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

#### **Traditional foster care**

Most children who have been removed from their homes will find safety in traditional foster care.

Training and ongoing support prepares foster parents to understand common behaviors and to best help children work through pain and confusion as they look toward brighter, safer tomorrows.

#### **Medical foster care**

In addition to traditional preparation, foster parents who care for kids in the Children's Medical Services program receive specialized training to provide for the unique medical needs of children in their home.

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#### What can I expect?

Attend a free orientation

Complete 30 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

Undergo background screenings, employment and reference checks

Complete a thorough home study Receive your license in about four 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

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### 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.