



## Children are our Future

If you like young people, enjoy being a parent or think you may enjoy being a parent then please call us for more information.

Children need to know someone cares.

**YOU** could be that someone.

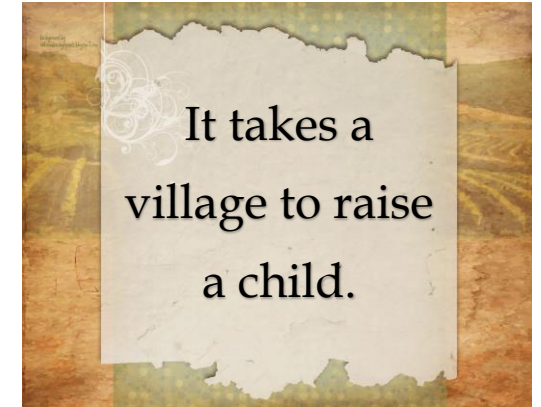
Complete training, great support, reimbursement, and full medical, dental and pharmacy coverage for each child.

**For more information please contact:**

**Jefferson County Department  
of Social Services**

**at (315) 785-3240**

**Jefferson County Department of Social  
Services Foster/Adoptive Parent Program**  
250 Arsenal Street  
Watertown, NY 13601



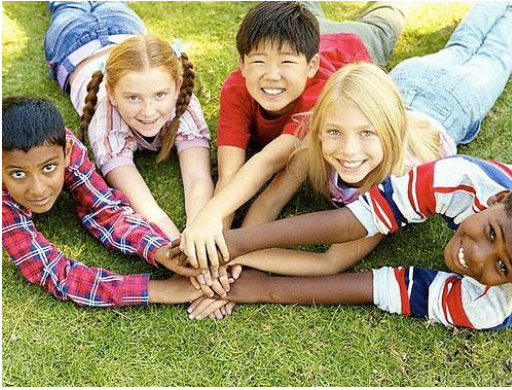
Did you know the  
Foster Care program  
can certify relatives and  
non-relatives to care for  
a child in need of a  
home?

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Services  
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Parent Program

*Ask us how to share your love  
and home with a child in your  
community who needs a family.*

### Did you know...

- All children need permanent, loving family connections in order to grow and develop?
- Children in foster care represent all ethnic groups and may be infants through teenagers?
- There are children currently available for adoption in New York State, living without a permanent family connection?
- Foster families are needed to provide temporary care for children who are not able to live with their birth families?
- Over 70 percent of children in foster care who become freed for adoption, are adopted by their foster families?



## You can become a certified Foster/Adoptive Parent!

- ✓ Are at least 21 years old
- ✓ Single, married, or living with a partner
- ✓ Have enough income to meet your own family's needs
- ✓ Are in good health
- ✓ Can make room in your home and heart for children who need safe, temporary care
- ✓ Be willing to complete 11 weeks of MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) training
- ✓ Classes must be attended by husbands, wives and significant others in the home

### Required Documentation Includes:

- Finger printing- all household members over 18 years old.
- NYS Child Abuse/Maltreatment Registry Clearance
- Reference from three friends or acquaintances
- Physicals for all adults
- Home Inspection
- Completed Home study including information about finances, health, and family relationships
- Foster care application and other required forms for certification

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### Support services Available

- ❖ YOU ARE NOT ALONE
- ❖ Agency staff or caseworkers are available to suggest and coordinate services as needed
- ❖ Foster parents receive a monthly rate for needs of the child
- ❖ Clothing allowances are provided for each child
- ❖ **All medical, dental and pharmacy fees are paid by Medicaid**



### Foster and Adoptive Families:

- Love and understand children
- Are willing to share their time and families
- Can cope with stressful situations
- Have a strong support system of family, friends and neighbors
- Realize the Agency's first and primary goal is always to return children to their birth families
- Are committed to working with the birth family, agency staff, and other service providers as a valuable and professional part of a team