

Could you provide a foster home for a vulnerable child?

Fusion Fostering

Fusion Fostering are an independent foster care agency who are looking to recruit carers from all walks of life. Regional Manager Fiona Hutchison told us more...

Why should people consider fostering?

There are many vulnerable children within our care system who need secure, loving foster homes, but not enough people are coming forward.

Fostering is life changing. It's not always easy; there'll be days when you wonder why you're doing it. But there'll also be magical days. It may be the smallest of things that'll show you you're making a difference; the first signs that your child is beginning to trust you and believe you actually care. A smile, a hug, doing what you ask for the first time, sharing a painful

memory, just hanging out with you. It's those important little moments that will remind you of why you chose to foster.

Can anyone foster?

There's an assessment process; we need to make sure that fostering is right for you, and you for it, but don't worry, you get lots of support along the way.

What kind of people make good foster carers?

There are some myths about the types of people who make good foster carers. You shouldn't rule yourself out just because you

didn't have a perfect upbringing, or because you may have gotten into some trouble when you were a youngster. We want people from all sorts of backgrounds and experiences. It helps if you have experience with children, but what matters most is the personal qualities you possess. If you are nurturing, empathic, resilient, keen to work as part of a team and are willing to learn, you have the potential to be a foster carer.

Do foster parents get paid?

Yes, foster carers get generous pay, and only a small proportion is taxable – you will be pleasantly surprised!

Do foster carers get training?

Yes, but it's ok if you don't feel confident in a 'classroom' environment; we make sure everyone feels comfortable. Our training is currently virtual.

What support do foster carers get from Fusion?

Our social workers carry small caseloads,

so they're able to be fully there for families and are in regular contact, guiding you through every new challenge, telling you it's ok to make mistakes and re-building your confidence when you doubt yourself, reminding you that we don't doubt you. And as Regional Manager, I am always just a phone call away.

Our psychotherapist runs drop-in sessions and also delivers therapeutic fostering training. We run regular support groups and 'buddy up' foster carers. We do lots of social and participation events for carers and young people.

For more information, visit www.fusionfostering.com or email info@fusionfostering.com



Ever thought about fostering?

We're a small independent agency with a family approach.

Our dedicated team is highly trained and committed to improving the life chances of children who are often bewildered, frightened and feel lost.

You receive one point of contact to support you all the way, making your fostering experience smooth, enjoyable and life-changing for the child



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If you'd like to have a chat about fostering, give us a call on 03301239355 or email us at info@fusionfostering.com or scan the QR Code to be directed to our website. fusionfostering.com



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