



How can I support the Broomfield Health and Human Services Foster Care Program?

- ◆ Distribute foster care information to your employees at your place of work.
- ◆ Allow our agency to hold presentations, set up display booths/tables, and distribute information to your employees or civic groups.
- ◆ Provide specific items as needed by foster children—shoes, clothing, school supplies, luggage, coats, etc.
- ◆ Contribute financially to aid families in their support of extra-curricular activities.



For more information about becoming a Foster Family Home, call:

Broomfield Health and Human Services
720.887.2266

A representative will contact you to discuss the Foster Care Program and schedule an initial meeting.

Orientation and required training will be provided by Broomfield Health and Human Services at no cost to prospective foster parents.



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Broomfield, CO 80020
[www.broomfield.org/hhs/
Family_and_Childrens_Services/fostercare.shtml](http://www.broomfield.org/hhs/Family_and_Childrens_Services/fostercare.shtml)

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As our community develops, support of children in foster care will continue to be a need. Foster parents are an integral part of the development and nurturing of our children and the health of our community.

What is Foster Care?

Foster care provides protective services for children. It provides 24-hour temporary placement of children outside their own homes due to neglect, abuse, or other significant family problems. Broomfield Health and Human Services' goal is to strengthen the family of origin so the child can be returned home safely as soon as possible.

The objectives of Foster Care are to:

- Protect the child and provide sufficient care for the child on a temporary basis in a nurturing, stimulating environment.
- Provide a safe environment while developing and implementing a permanent plan for the child's future.

Family foster care can offer care to children with a range of needs, depending on the experience, expertise, and resources of the foster family.

Who are Foster Parents?

Foster parents come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. We welcome anyone with a desire to provide care for children to apply as a foster parent.

Foster parents offer children the stability and emotional support they need to experience a safe and encouraging environment.

What do Foster Parents do?

- Provide children with a safe, nurturing relationship.
- Work as members of a professional team.
- Support the child's relationship with the birth family.
- Ensure that the child's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, medical, educational, and emotional development are met.



Which children need homes the most?

Any child, under the age of 18 can need a foster parent. Each child's needs are unique. Foster parents are needed to provide homes for:

- Teenagers
- Sibling groups who need to stay together
- Infants and toddlers
- Children with emotional and/or behavioral needs
- Children with special needs



How does Broomfield support its foster families?

- Individual informational meetings and orientations
- Access to ongoing training & support from a wonderful staff
- Support Groups and Foster Parent Associations
- Access to services which include: seminars, newsletters, lending library, social outings, ArtReach and more