



At Brant Family and Children's Services (also known as Brant FACS, CAS, or the Children's Aid Society), we support families to ensure that children are protected from physical, emotional or sexual abuse, and neglect. Our team of caring workers, foster families and volunteers work toward one primary goal: enhance the safety and well-being and support the healthy growth and development of children.

We partner with other agencies in the Brantford/Brant and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations Community to strengthen support networks and deliver programs that help families in need.

## *What is a Foster Family?*

When a child needs to be brought to a place of safety, the goal is for the child to return to their family. Foster families provide a temporary home for children while in the care of Brant FACS. If the child is unable to return to their family, foster parents provide support while the agency searches for a permanent home for the children. Depending on the circumstances, children and teens may need foster care for a few days, a few weeks, a few months or longer.

## *Each foster child is unique*

Children in care range in age from newborn to young adulthood. They come from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds. Some are brothers and sisters hoping to be placed in a home together. Some face physical, emotional and/or mental challenges.

Each is going through a troubled period in their family life. All need warmth, acceptance, structure and consistency.

Brant FACS ensures that children and youth are placed in foster homes where their unique needs can be met.

## *Foster Parents are:*

Caring individuals, couples and families who can give infants, children and youth stability, warmth, understanding, consistency and structure.

- Families who want to reach out to children and youth in need from their community, or from their extended family.
- Families who can meet the special needs of children and youth.
- Families who will enjoy the challenges and rewards of foster family care.
- Families who are willing to work with FACS and the child's family with the goal of the child returning home or to another permanent home.

## *Becoming a Foster Parent*

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or want to know more about fostering, please call 519-753-8681 or toll free 1-888-753-8681 and ask to speak with our Resources staff.



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