

About CFSGE

Child and Family Services of Grand Erie (CFSGE) is legally mandated to ensure the safety and protection of children and youth in Brantford, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We focus on keeping children safe by supporting families and helping them stay together. Families may contact us directly or be referred during times of crisis. When needed, children may stay temporarily with another caregiver, with the goal of returning home.



Next Steps

- ✓ Contact us directly, or fill out the online interest form
- ✓ Schedule an in home meeting to receive the application package and discuss the process
- ✓ Complete a 9 week online foster caregiver training
- ✓ Participate in a standardized home study assessment (4-6 in home appointments)
- ✓ Provide Police Check, Medical and References

FOSTERING: Families Helping Families

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What is Foster Care?

Foster Caregivers provide short or long-term care while families work through challenges. They are key partners in supporting a child's well-being.

They:

- Offer a safe, caring home and have flexibility in their lives
- Share a genuine interest in children and are willing to work as part of a team
- Support children in daily routines, growth and development, and help maintain family connections whenever possible



Who are Foster Caregivers?

- Single adults, couples, or multigenerational families of all ages
- Homeowners or renters
- Stay-at-home parents, working professionals, retirees, or empty nesters
- People of all sexualities, gender identities, races, and religions who are committed to supporting children from diverse backgrounds



Who are the children and youth?

Children and youth in foster care may include:

- Infants, children, and young adults
- Single children or sibling groups
- Children from diverse racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds
- Young people with unique needs and strengths who may have experienced trauma

Foster caregivers provide the care, stability, and support young people need to grow and succeed. Their homes are inclusive, accepting and affirming environments.



You are a part of our community. We offer a positive and anti-oppressive space where every individual, regardless of age, is a valued and respected, whatever their culture, faith, ethnicity, race, ancestry, class, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Supports Available



Worker Support

Each foster family is supported by a dedicated Resource Worker who provides ongoing guidance, training, and support. In addition, families may be matched with an experienced Foster Caregiver Mentor—someone who understands the journey and helps navigate the challenges.



Training Opportunities

Foster caregivers have access to ongoing and required training, offered both in-person and virtually. Topics include First Aid/CPR, Equity and Inclusion training, Indigenous Learning, Trauma-Informed Care, and more.



Financial Support

Foster caregivers receive a daily, tax-free per diem to help cover the day-to-day costs of caring for a child.

