

Do you have love in your heart for a child  
in need?

Becoming a foster parent may be for  
**YOU!**



Foster and adoptive parents are remarkable people who provide safe, loving and stable homes for children and youth in the care of Rensselaer County DSS. Like any loving parent, they attend to the physical, medical, emotional, social and educational well-being of children placed in their home.

Call today to find out how you  
can help a child in need!

518-833-6000



### Myths about fostering/adopting

**Myth:** Children are in foster care because of their bad or aggressive behaviors.

**Fact:** Children in foster care are not bad, they are in bad situations and in need of a loving and stable home.

**Myth:** Foster parents are required to stay at home and are not able to work.

**Fact:** Foster parents can work full time or part time jobs as well as be retired or stay at home.

**Myth:** As a foster parent, I will receive little to no support from the State.

**Fact:** Foster parents receive a daily stipend to cover the cost of food, mileage, and clothing. Local agencies also provide supportive services, and daycare assistance for foster parents.

**Myth:** Foster parents don't have control over who is placed in their home.

**Fact:** We want everyone to feel comfortable, so we do not place just any child in any home. There is a lot to consider when finding the best fit for you and your family, as well as the child.

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