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Whether through our strong peer support network or our individualized foster parent training programs; our foster families feel the support of our staff and their peers. We believe every child deserves a nurturing home.

We do this because Foster is so much more than a child.

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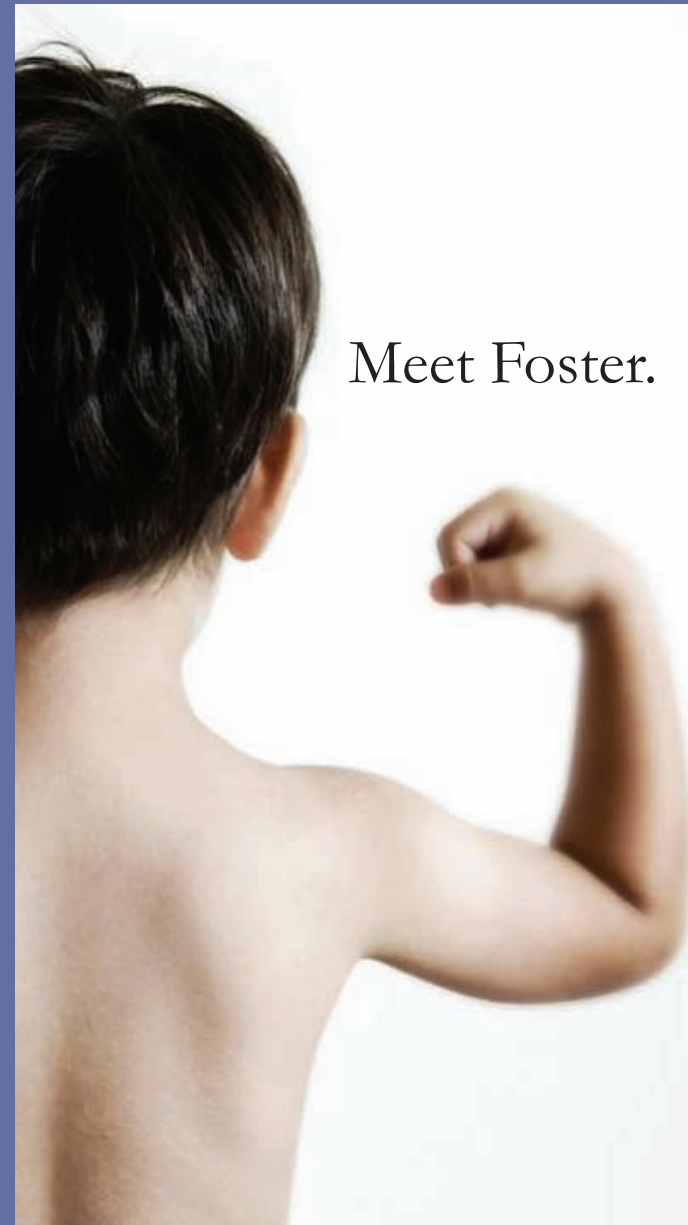
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## Foster Families



Meet Foster.

Foster is strong, Foster is rambuncious, and Foster has hope, in you.



## Why Foster with Adult & Child?

Adult & Child Mental Health Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit community mental health center serving children in Indianapolis and the surrounding counties. Adult and Child prides itself on blending the delivery of high-quality child welfare services and excellent clinical services. We strive to be exceptional by providing outstanding customer service to our referral sources, foster families, and the children we serve.

We believe even the most challenging young people can be successful when matched with foster parents who are well-trained, supportive and committed to caring for them. Therapeutic foster parents are the primary healers of the foster children in their homes. For this reason, we provide on-going support, education and competitive financial reimbursement to assist our foster families with the challenging task of nurturing and caring for traumatized children.

## Tiffany, Foster Mom

I decided to become a foster parent because I knew there were a lot of children in need and I have a loving home and positive life that I wanted to share with them. So many of the kids that we serve are so alone, I can't imagine not having at least one person in my life that loved me unconditionally, I want to be that person for the kids in my home.

Foster parenting has taught me a lot about life, love and laughter, being creative and really understanding how blessed I am. I had never been a parent before. I began foster parenting and it has been a truly amazing experience for me. I get as much from it as the kids do. I've been fortunate enough to adopt an adorable son whom I fostered. My life has been blessed through caring for these kids.



## Being a foster parent with Adult & Child offers many emotional rewards. In addition, we offer the following:

- Competitive daily allowances
- Mileage reimbursement
- Recognition for great performance
- Paid respite days
- On-line foster parent support
- In-house foster parent support group
- Quarterly newsletter
- Free ongoing training
- Foster family events
- Holiday and summer activities
- Referral fee for recruiting others.

## Minimum standards become a licensed therapeutic foster home:

- Must be at least 25 years of age
- Must be able to financially support themselves without public assistance
- Parents may be single, divorced, married/non-married couple, or partnered couple
- All residents of the household, over the age of 14, must pass local, state, national criminal background checks and child abuse checks
- Parents must have reliable and insured transportation, as well as, a valid driver's license
- Your home must have sufficient bedroom space