



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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Foster Hope, Foster Love, Foster Franklin County!

As we celebrate national Foster Care Month in May, Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) is launching a new campaign to encourage caring adults to consider becoming foster parents. Foster parents provide temporary care for children who have come under Children Services' care because of abuse, neglect, or unstable family conditions. Recently, not only in Franklin County but across Ohio, the number of children needing a foster home has increased. Homes are especially needed for teens, siblings and children with emotional or behavioral challenges.

The *Foster Hope, Foster Love, Foster Franklin County* appeal will be shared throughout the community in various ways including public presentations, radio, television, social media billboards, and posters. The message is simple:

Hundreds of kids in Franklin County are waiting. Kids who, through no fault of their own, are in need of a safe and loving home. While the number of children in need of foster care continues to rise the number of available foster homes has not. They're waiting for YOU. Become a Franklin County foster parent. Anyone over 21 with a stable source of income can apply. You just have to be willing ...to Foster Hope, Foster Love, Foster Franklin County.

Those interested in becoming a foster parent will be encouraged to visit Children Services' website: fostercare.fccs.us or call (614) 275-2711 to learn more about the process and connect with a local foster care agency. FCCS partners with various foster care agencies to provide foster homes for Franklin County's children.

If you would like to schedule a presentation with your organization, social group or place of worship to help promote the foster care campaign, please call 614-275-2520.