

The steps to become a foster parent are easy.

1. Pray to ask if this is God's calling for your family.
2. Contact Family Ministries Foster Care.
3. Attend orientation.
4. Attend professional parenting classes.
5. Take part in a home study and family assessment.

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Who we are.

Since 1976, Family Ministries of Florida has been serving and building relationships with families throughout the state of Florida and beyond. Children who cannot live with their families for one reason or another attend our residential program or live in one of our foster homes. The vision of Family Ministries has always been to have the resources to develop a spiritual character in the youth we serve. This is done through our threefold philosophy: Work Hard, Play Hard, and Pray Hard. Children who learn a good work ethic at a young age benefit in more than just their future career. We believe in playing just as hard as we work, if it is sports or board games, recreation time is encouraged. We teach all children the necessity of prayer and a relationship with God.



“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16

Why is foster care important?

Family Ministries of Florida Foster Care is a Christian foster care service. Our guiding principle is Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” We want to share God’s love and shelter with hurting children through Christian foster homes.

With the passage of Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), criteria to place children in group care has been restricted and quality foster homes are needed more than ever. In May 2021, Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough counties saw 4,917 children in out of home care. These children were placed with relatives, non-relatives, group homes, and foster care.

Children in Foster care are boys and girls of all races, ages, and backgrounds. Some have siblings, while others are an only child. And all of them have experienced some sort of trauma and need comfort and healing.

Being a foster parent is a calling. The goal of foster care is almost always safe reunification of the family. Foster parents are encouraged to engage with the family, when appropriate, to maintain the bond between the children and parents. The time a child is placed in your home can be days or months. While the target for reunification to occur is within 12 months, this isn’t always the case. Foster care is a commitment and sometimes the rewards aren’t easily seen, but the opportunity to make an impact on a child’s life is worth it!

Support for our Foster Parents

- **Provide spiritual support and assist foster families in navigating the child welfare system**
- **Provide supplies when available through donations**
- **Assist with Christmas gifts**
- **Attend court and staffings with foster families as needed**
- **Provide 24/7 on call assistance**
- **Provide placement assistance to match foster children with foster families**
- **Access to foster parent mentors.**