

## Become a Foster Parent

*Take the first step toward foster parenting.*

**Call today: 314-534-9350, ext. 253.**

Children's Permanency Partnership (CPP) provides foster care and adoption services to more than 500 children in the St. Louis region. CPP is committed to providing the highest quality services to help children and their families achieve stable, healthy futures.

To provide the quality of services these children deserve, CPP needs foster families as its partners. Foster parents are needed in:

- St. Louis City
- St. Charles County
- St. Louis County
- Jefferson County

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### Children's Permanency Partnership Community Partner Agencies



Preventing and Treating Child Abuse

#### **Family Resource Center**

3309 S. Kingshighway  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
314-534-9350, ext. 253



#### **Youth In Need**

4926 Reber Place  
St. Louis, MO 63139  
314-372-8400

**EPWORTH**  
Where Kids Find Strength

#### **Epworth**

110 North Elm  
Webster Groves, MO 63119  
314-918-3350



#### **Urban Behavioral HealthCare Institute**

1104 South Jefferson  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
314-577-5000

# Children's Permanency Partnership

A Collaboration of  
Family Resource Center,  
Epworth, Youth In Need and  
Urban Behavioral HealthCare

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Be part of the difference.  
Become a foster family.  
Change a child's life.

## Why Should You Be a Foster Parent?

Becoming a foster parent is an opportunity to give back to your community and make a difference in the life of a child. Family foster care offers many children and their families an opportunity to heal, grow and develop, and learn safe, nurturing ways of being a family.

Children who need family foster care services may have experienced neglect and/or abuse, homelessness, or chemical dependency, or they may have special medical circumstances. As a result, the children, like their parents, have a range of special and sometimes extraordinary needs.

*Is it right for you?* After the application, training and discovery process, potential foster families will have the knowledge and skills to make an informed decision about becoming foster parents.

*Will I be supported?* We'll be there to help you along the way.

- Bi-monthly support groups
- Monthly training to meet continual training requirements
- 24/7 accessibility to a Family Resource Specialist
- Respite care contacts
- Modest subsidy to assist with care

## Initial Screening

- Clear Child Abuse/Neglect Record Check for everyone in the home, 17 or older
- Clear Criminal Record Check for everyone in the home, 17 or older
- Proof of income
- Proof of residency
- Ability to provide food, shelter, clothing and transportation
- Proof of educational compliance for children in the home, 16 and younger

### Training:

- Initial home visit
- Nine sessions of STARS (three hours for nine weeks)
- Completed assessment
- Relicensing, which requires 30 hours of additional training every two years

## Physical Home Requirements Check List

**Does your home meet the following requirements?**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<b>General Maintenance and Safety</b>		
Operational utilities, plumbing and appliances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows and doors with screens and without bars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proper lighting and ventilation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean home and in good repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sleeping Arrangements</b>		
Adequate bedrooms in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separate bedrooms for girls and boys, 6 and older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separate beds for each child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Available closet and dresser space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Safety</b>		
Posted emergency numbers and evacuation plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House number visible from the street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational smoke detectors on each level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protected fire places, heaters and wood stoves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Covered electrical outlets for children under 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poisonous cleaning materials and dangerous fluids inaccessible to children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms and weapons inaccessible to children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe porches, railings and steps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outdoor Areas</b>		
Fenced yards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yard free of trash and machinery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If present, safe and anchored play equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Properly fenced swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If threat to health or safety, fenced pets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verified pet inoculations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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