

# Foster a future.



## Child Foster Care



**RAMSEY COUNTY**  
Social Services



## Make a difference

Ramsey County foster care helps provide temporary homes for children who cannot live safely in their own. When kids cannot live with someone they know, they are matched with a licensed foster care provider.

The goal of foster care is to keep children safe while supporting families' efforts to reunite. Most children who enter foster care return to their families.

Foster parents make a difference every day. The biggest reward is seeing the children develop and grow.



## How you can help

Become a licensed foster family to provide temporary homes and care for children while their families complete the reunification process.

Become a foster-adoptive resource home by committing to care for a child, support reunification with their birth family and provide a legal, permanent home if the child cannot return to their parent(s).



## What it takes to be a foster parent

Foster parents come from backgrounds as diverse as the children they care for. They are patient, loving and are strong supporters of kids. They have the ability to provide love for foster children and can support them in returning home when the time is right.

### Foster parents are:

- 21 years or older.
- Single, married or partnered.
- Caring people who can provide support and love for a child.
- Living in stable housing in Ramsey County.
- Flexible with home or work schedules.
- Able to pass a background check.
- Able to provide a separate bedroom for the foster child to sleep in.
- Two years sober if they've been treated for chemical dependency.

Learn more:  
[ramseycounty.us/fostercare](https://ramseycounty.us/fostercare)



# Ready to be a foster parent?

## Attend a parent orientation

At the orientation, you'll meet with social workers, learn basic information and have the opportunity to ask questions to determine if foster care is right for you. You will also receive an application and other paperwork to begin the licensing process.

For a meeting calendar and more information about foster care and licensing, visit [ramseycounty.us/fostercare](https://ramseycounty.us/fostercare) or call 651-266-5437.

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