

# Ready to be a foster parent?

## Attend an orientation session

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

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

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## LGBTQ/GNC/Two-Spirit foster parents needed!

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## Make a difference

Many children in the foster care system have been through difficult experiences that have left them feeling abandoned or neglected. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming parents can provide a unique level of empathy and support to these youth.

## LGBTQ2S/GNC parents are important

LGBTQ2S/GNC-identified youth in foster care have faced added rejection and are overrepresented in the system, meaning there are a higher percentage in foster care than the general population. Having LGBTQ2S/GNC foster parents as role models can be an invaluable experience.

## How you can help

Become a licensed foster family to provide temporary homes and care for children while their parents 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

LGBTQ2S/GNC foster parents come from backgrounds as diverse as the children they care for. They are patient, loving and strong supporters of kids. They also have the ability to provide love for 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 work or home 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.

***“LGBTQ youth have a higher average number of foster care placements and higher likelihood of living in a group home setting.”***

***-Human Rights Campaign, 2017***