

FOSTER FOR KENT



Help make a difference to the lives of children and young people in Kent by becoming a foster carer or host

The need for foster carers and hosts continues to be high. At Kent Fostering we are continuing to see an increase in the number of children and young people of all ages and abilities needing a safe family environment, and we are actively recruiting people from all walks of life to become foster carers or hosts.

Why Kent Fostering?

- We are the most experienced fostering service in Kent, looking after children and young people for over 40 years
- As a not-for-profit organisation, our only goal is to provide safe, nurturing homes for our children and young people
- Extensive training programme and opportunities to gain professional qualifications through the Level 3 and 4 Diplomas
- 24-hour support so you can be reassured that whenever you need us, we will be there
- Partnerships with organisations such as Solihull and Anna Freud to provide the best parenting programmes.

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As clichéd as it sounds, I decided to be a foster carer to 'make a difference' to young people and where relevant and possible, their families... I personally found the assessment process enlightening and reflective. The topics covered in the assessment were very beneficial to explore whilst taking on this new role.

Helen from Rochester, recently approved foster carer

Want to know more? We would love to hear from you!

Our information events are a great way to find more about what's involved when fostering children or supporting our young people. Hear first-hand from our foster carers and hosts and have the opportunity to ask them questions. Contact us if you'd like to join one of these upcoming events:

- 22nd April 10am
- 17th May 7pm
- 13th June 7pm

Call our friendly enquiries team on
03000 420 002

or visit
www.kentfostering.co.uk





What is Kent Supported Homes?

Kent Supported Homes provides accommodation for young people and care leavers aged between 16 and 21, who are not yet ready to live independently. This enables young people to develop confidence, emotional resilience, and independent living skills in a safe and supportive setting, allowing them to move on from the arrangement by the time they reach the age of 21, or in some circumstances 25 if they are in further education.

The role of a Kent Supported Homes host

As a Kent Supported Homes Host you will teach, guide and assist young people to gain essential practical living skills alongside much needed emotional support, preparing them for independent adult life. You must have a spare bedroom to accommodate a young person, be emotionally resilient, be able to support the young person's self-esteem and confidence, and aid them on their pathway to independence.

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As a host, you focus on instilling necessary life skills that the young person needs to live independently, such as budgeting, cooking, cleaning and doing their own laundry... providing support in accessing other help and additional services if and when needed as well as the necessary emotional support.

I can't change the whole world, but I can change the world for a young person. It is both a privilege and honour working with some of Kent's young people, seeing them take the first few steps to fulfilling their potential is the most rewarding aspect of the role for me.

Faye, Kent Supported Homes Host

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