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### **Become a Licensed Foster Care Parent in Crow Wing County**

You can make a difference in the life of a child. Crow Wing County Community Services staff are recruiting to license foster care parents. Foster parents are trained, dedicated people who have decided to open their homes to a child in need for as long as the courts deem necessary. The goal is always to reunite the child with original family, if possible. In the meantime, the foster family is home for a child in need.

#### **Requirements and Process:**

Foster parents must be at least 21 years old, pass background clearances, and be in good physical health. Our most successful foster parents are open-minded, dependable, patient and willing to try different parenting styles for children with different needs. Having a flexible schedule, being tolerant and demonstrating the ability to work as a member of our team are all important qualities for success.

The process to become a foster parent includes visits to your home, completion of licensing paperwork, home safety checklists, orientation and training.

#### **Who are the children?**

Children aged birth to 21 may need foster care for just a few days, or may be in placement for longer than a year. Foster families willing and able to accommodate sibling groups are in high demand, as are those who are able to take older children and teens.

Please Call Crow Wing County foster care licenser: Nikki Alich at 218-824-1154 or email [Nikki.Alich@crowwing.us](mailto:Nikki.Alich@crowwing.us) to begin the process.

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**Our Vision:** Being Minnesota's favorite place.

**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.