



# RAISE HOPE & FOSTER DREAMS

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

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Foster Care Navigators provide prospective and current foster parents with an experienced, licensed foster parent to help guide them through the licensing process, answer questions, assist with resources, and act as a liaison between the family fostering and the agency throughout the State of Michigan.

**CONTACT US TODAY AT:**

**1-855-MICKIDS**

**WWW.FCNP.ORG**

IT TAKES JUST  
**ONE STEP**  
TO BEGIN A  
**WONDERFUL JOURNEY**  
TOWARDS CHANGING LIVES



The support, love, and guidance foster parents provide to a child in their home will have a lasting impact on the life of that child, their family, and the community.



The Foster Care Navigator program in Region 3 is operated by the Family Enrichment Center and is funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



# Five Steps to Becoming a Licensed Foster Parent



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**Contact a Foster Care Navigator at 1-855-MICKIDS  
www.fcnp.org**

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## Attend an Orientation

The comprehensive orientation will not only review guidelines, but will also illustrate what you can expect as a foster parent. Agency representatives will be happy to answer all your questions during the orientation.

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## Complete the Application

After orientation, the agency will provide you with a licensing application packet, which in general will include the Licensing Record Clearance Request BCAL-1326 form used for fingerprinting, licensing application, medical clearance forms and other agency specific paperwork.

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## Participate in a Home Evaluation

The agency will meet with your family several times for on-site home visits and interviews. After you attend orientation and submit your application, your agency will schedule your first home visit.

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## Attend Free Training

Agencies will help you secure Parent Resources for Information Development and Education (PRIDE) training, which offers valuable information related to becoming a license foster parent. Licensed foster parents need to complete 12 hours of PRIDE training. Once you are licensed, you have 18 months to complete an additional 12 hours of PRIDE training.

Foster Care Navigators will support you through each step toward becoming a licensed foster parent!

A Navigator, who has experience as a foster parent, will be available at a time that is most convenient for you.

Together, you and the Navigator come up with solutions that may prevent or hold up the foster parent licensing process.

The Navigator will work for you to assure progress towards becoming a licensed foster happens.

Information on the Foster Care Navigator website (fcnp.org) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

Foster Care Navigator services will be delivered using a strength-based and solution-focused model.



As members of the fostering community, Foster Care Navigators have a unique skills set designed to assist current and prospective foster parents by providing the following services:

- Connecting you with resources within your own community.
- Emotional and concrete support to address challenges you may face while on the path to becoming a foster parent.
- At times, acting as a liaison between you and the licensing agency.
- Connecting you with a support group within your own community.

