

Training and support

A foster applicant participates in a comprehensive pre-service training (PRIDE) and a SAFE home study. Once approved to foster, ongoing training is available, and regular visits and support are provided by an assigned FACS worker. We also offer formal and informal opportunities to network with other Foster Parents.

Foster Parents receive a daily, non-taxable boarding rate for each child or youth that resides in their home. Other expenses—such as medical, dental, clothing, personal items, allowance, transportation and school related expenses—are also covered by FACS.



Becoming a foster family

If you are interested in becoming a foster family or want to know more about fostering, please call 519-753-8681 and ask to speak with our Recruitment Worker.

We can also arrange to have a translator available if you need one.

Thank you for sharing your time, home and caring—priceless things that can greatly impact the lives of children in our community.

Check out the following website for additional information about fostering:

www.homesforkids.com



With appreciation for content collaboration to:
Family and Children's Services of Guelph & Wellington County

We are here to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with any child protection concerns you may have.

Office Hours: 8:30 to 4:30

Call us during business hours to learn more about our service programs, adoption, foster care and/or volunteering.

The Mission of Brant FACS

The well-being and safety of children and youth is our primary focus. Together with our community we strive to protect children and youth, and strengthen families.

Our Ten Year Vision

- All children, youth and families are valued.
- Together, with the entire community, we share the responsibility of nurturing, protecting, educating and guiding all children, youth and their families.
- Families possess the wisdom, abilities and resources to build a successful family plan. We support their journey towards self-determination, safety and care.
- Children and youth have a voice and are involved in decision-making; we ensure they have the necessary resources to be well supported for success.
- Mutual trust and understanding is built through listening and communicating with respect and compassion.
- Hope replaces fear and families are open to receive help early.



Welcome to our positive and anti-oppressive space, where every individual, regardless of age, is valued and respected whatever their culture, faith, ethnicity, race, ancestry, class, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity.



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Since 1894

Foster Families

Safe & Caring Homes for
Infants, Children & Teens



Five in a Series
Working with Brant Family
and Children's Services



Protecting children & building families

At Brant Family and Children's Services (also known as FACS, CAS, or the Children's Aid Society), we support families to ensure that children are protected from physical, emotional or sexual abuse, and neglect.

We have a team of caring workers, foster families and volunteers. We offer client-focused programs and work with parents, teens and children toward one primary goal: enhance the safety and well-being of children.

We partner with other agencies in the Brantford/Brant, Six Nations and New Credit Community to strengthen support networks and deliver programs that help families in need.

What is a Foster Family?

Foster families provide a temporary home for children in the care of Brant FACS. Depending on the circumstances, children and teens may need foster care for a few days, a few weeks, a few months or longer.

Sometimes these foster families are Kin Care families who follow the same training and requirements as regular foster families.



A home for children & youth in care

Foster Parents and FACS staff work together to support the healthy growth and development of each child or youth. Foster Parents play an important role in the daily life of each infant, child or teen, and the goal of everyone involved is for the child to return to their own family. If that cannot happen, Foster Parents provide support to children as the agency searches for a permanent home.

Foster Parents come from all walks of life & ethnic backgrounds

Foster Parents all share a genuine interest in children, flexibility in their lives, and a sense of community responsibility. They are:

- Experienced parents with grown children.
- Parents who are raising their own children.
- People who are not raising children.
- Parents with training in child care or related professions.
- Older or younger couples.
- Single persons, married or common-law or same sex couples.

Each foster child is unique

Children in care range in age from newborn to young adulthood. They come from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds. Some are brothers and sisters hoping to be placed in a home together. Some face physical, emotional and/or mental challenges.

Each is going through a troubled period in their family life. All need warmth, acceptance, structure and consistency.

Brant FACS ensures that children and youth are placed in foster homes where their unique needs can be met.

Foster Parents are:

Caring individuals, couples and families who can give infants, children and youth stability, warmth, understanding, consistency and structure.

- Families who want to reach out to children and youth in need from their community, or from their extended family.
- Families who can meet the special needs of children and youth.
- Families who will enjoy the challenges and rewards of foster family care.
- Families who are willing to work with FACS and the child's family with the goal of the child returning home or to another permanent home.

