

FOREWORD

From the Foster Family Handbook of the Indiana Division of Family and Children

Foster parents are wonderful people. They open up their hearts and their homes to children who are afraid and need help. It doesn't matter what time of day it is because our foster parents make the time to help these frightened children regardless of the circumstances. Immediately their homes become the home of the children they just met. These foster parents love, nurture, and take pride in these children as if they had been a member of their own family since birth.

It is pure love for the children that motivates them. It is their love for the children that makes them stand up to the system when the system needs to be questioned. And it is their love for the children that keeps them calling our offices asking how they can help. Foster parents are not just a valuable resource; they are the essence of community, fellowship, and concern for others.

This handbook is intended to make the rules of fostering just a bit easier and more understandable for our foster parents. With all that has to be done, the last thing we need to do is burden our foster parents with a lot of bureaucratic rules and regulations that don't make sense. This handbook is the product of a lot of hard work by many people in the child welfare system. But no matter how well we try to answer all the questions, we probably missed some. However, there is no cause to worry, because our foster parents will make the situation work for the children. Why? Because our foster parents are wonderful people.

The Staff of The Division of Family and Children

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