



WHAT IS FOSTER HOPE?

FosterHope is a therapeutic foster care program developed and managed by Meridian Health to support Indiana children who have been removed from their homes for any number of reasons. Through this program, Meridian provides wraparound services for every foster child at no cost to families, insuring they receive the emotional, mental health, and behavioral support that they need. Additionally, FosterHope helps families find placements that match their demographic preferences – age, gender, support needs, traumas, etc. – for a better fit and long-term success.

WHAT IS FOSTER PARENTING?

Foster parents provide a safe, supportive home for children whose families are unable to meet their basic needs. They share their space, time, and care with children who are at their most vulnerable, in need of stability, patience, and love. Foster families can serve in a variety of roles: short-term or emergency placements (typically lasting up to two months), long-term care, and/or as pre-adoptive homes. They are vital members of a child's support team, whether it's keeping them out of emergency shelters, working toward reunification with the child's family, or helping establish a permanent, nurturing home. No matter the circumstances, foster parents help children know they are seen, valued, and deserving of a safe, stable, and loving home.



WHO CAN BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

FosterHope values diversity, welcoming foster and adoptive parents from all backgrounds including:

- Any race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation
- Partners, spouses, singles, roommates, etc.
- Homeowners or renters
- Parents of children of any age
- Adults that have never been a parent before



WOULD I BE A GOOD FOSTER PARENT?

A great foster parent doesn't have to be perfect—just patient, flexible, and willing to show up with love. They create safe, stable homes where trust can grow, stay open-minded and non-judgmental, and work well as part of a team. They're also mentors—supporting both the children in their care and the biological families working to heal. What matters most is a heart ready to help.



FosterHope accepts transfers of licensed foster parents from other agencies, including DCS, with no disruption to children already placed in the home.

HOW DO I BECOME A FOSTER HOPE PARENT?

- Call 866-590-8220 to receive more information
- Visit MeridianHS.org/Social/FosterHope-Program
- Attend an orientation meeting to learn more about foster parenting
- Complete the following requirements to become screened, trained, and licensed:
 - Criminal background check
 - 20-30 hours of training
 - Physical and/or psychological evaluation
 - Home inspection to ensure that the environment can support a foster child
 - Home study assessment
 - Interview process with licensing specialist

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Medicaid pays for the child's medical, dental, vision and counseling expenses. FosterHope parents receive:

- A monthly per diem for room, board, and some other expenses
- Free initial and annual training, including CPR and first aid
- Access to behavioral support, crisis intervention and emergency respite 24/7/365
- Mileage reimbursements for child transportation to certain destinations



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Therapeutic Foster Care

Indiana is facing a critical situation, with currently over 13,000 children in need and nearly 17,000 active Department of Child Services cases. FosterHope is actively seeking compassionate individuals to become foster parents and provide the care these vulnerable children deserve.

FosterHope is available to residents of Indiana - Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, and Union counties.

Learn more:

2300 Chester Blvd., Richmond, IN 47374
866-590-8220

MeridianHS.org/Social/FosterHope-Program

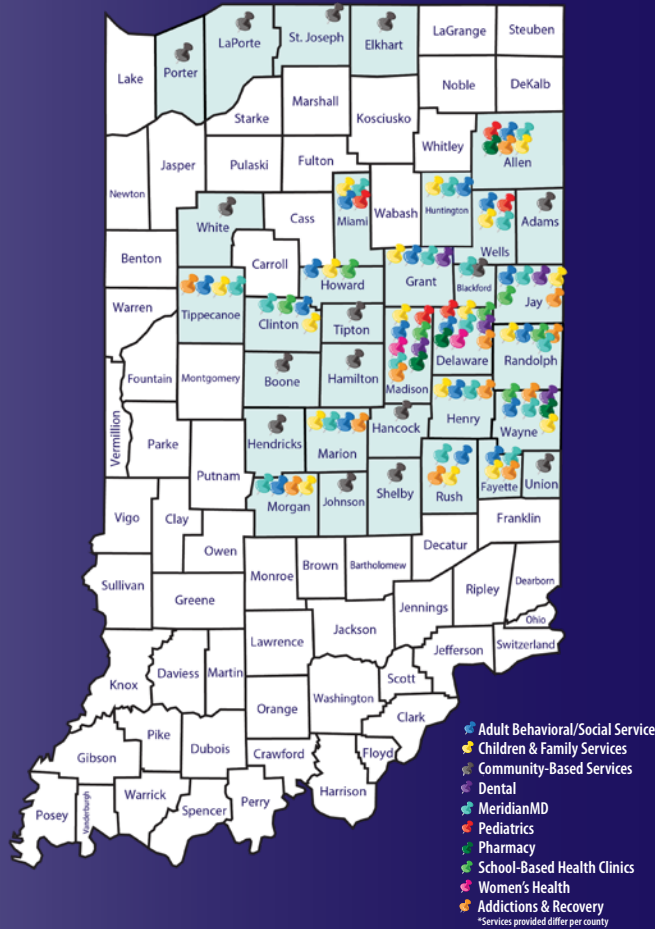


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