

What is CYS Foster Care?

CYS Foster Care serves youth ages 6-21 years old. The average age of our youth needing a home is 13-16 years old. Our Foster Homes provide safety, stability and support. They are nurturing and welcoming for youth who have experienced multiple traumas and placements. We facilitate a goal of stability in behavior improvements leading to successful adulthood.

What is Respite Care?

A short-term care of youth outside of their foster home to allow the foster parents a planned break. Examples of necessity: planned vacation, school breaks, or a weekend away.

How high is the need?

Over 7,000 youth in Washington state are currently in foster care, needing placement in a safe, stable and nurturing home.

Average CYS Youth Profile:

- ◆ Moved an average of 12 times prior to CYS
- ◆ Foster Care youth are often behind in school
- ◆ Have experienced traumatic events
- ◆ Varying gender identification
- ◆ Possible substance abuse, self harm history
- ◆ Multi system involvement—ie. juvenile court, mental health, dependency

To learn more about Community Youth Services

Please visit our website at:
www.communityyouthservices.org

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BECOME A



HERO!

BE A

FOSTER PARENT!

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Community Youth Services supports youth and families in achieving their needs for health, safety, security, and community.





Community Youth Services

Therapeutic Foster Care Program

CYS Wraparound Approach

- ◆ Individualized Case Management
- ◆ Thoughtful commitment to placement stability
- ◆ Decrease behavior/mental health challenges
- ◆ Pro-Social Activities, ie. sports, music, etc.
 - ◆ Positive peer relationships
 - ◆ Appropriate social skills
- ◆ Improve school functioning

I am a **CYS Foster Parent** because...

- ◆ “Youth know they are valued!”
- ◆ “Kids know life can be fun, not just survival.”
- ◆ “Foster youth can feel love and safety.”
- ◆ “To give kids hope.”
- ◆ “Giving back and helping our community.”
- ◆ “CYS offered what I believe in.”
- ◆ “CYS support is amazing!”
- ◆ “Unconditional love...”
- ◆ “The youth we have are incredible.”
- ◆ “The success stories of our kids!”

What's the Difference?

CYS Certification	State Licensure
Youth ages 6-21	Youth ages 0-21
Orientation, 24 hours pre-service training, plus First Aid/CPR/BBP/HIV	Orientation, 24 hours pre-service training, plus First Aid/CPR/BBP/HIV
Training over 3 year licensing period, with varied training options	Training over 3 year licensing period
Small caseloads (1-5)	Large caseloads (1-60)
Minimum weekly face-to-face check in's	Minimum monthly face-to-face check in's
Individualized safety plans for all youth in program	Individualized safety plans, as needed
Respite, 2 days minimum, more if needed	Respite, 2 days maximum
Individualized training for foster parents	
24/7 on-call crisis support from CYS foster care staff	
Support of multiple staff to meet immediate needs	

CYS Foster Families...

Open the door to their homes, providing a safe, stable, nurturing home for growth.

CYS Foster Youth...

Walk through the door, into the home; vulnerable and have suffered multiple traumas. Most times not trusting, but looking for change.

CYS Case Managers...

Hold the door; to facilitate safety and growth, and to improve children's lives leading to successful adulthood.

Ways to Help Foster Youth:

- Become a Foster Parent!**
- Become a Respite Caregiver!**

-OR-

- ◆ Offer reduced prices in sports, or community activities
- ◆ Donate gift cards for movies, restaurants, clothing, etc.
- ◆ Sponsor Summer Camp registration, sports fees, music lessons, etc.
- ◆ Donate event tickets to local concerts, sporting events, ballet, plays, etc.
- ◆ Adopt-A-Family from **CYS** during the Holiday season
- ◆ Coordinate a school supply, or warm clothing drive

Have Questions?

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