

Make an impact in your community...

Resource Parents provide temporary care to children who cannot remain safely at home with birth parent(s). Resource parents must consider what is reasonable and prudent in making parenting decisions for children in their temporary care affording children the support and opportunities that are appropriate for their age and developmental ability just as they would for their own children.



Community Based Care

Is an opportunity to nurture a child or children and provide love, stability and guidance on a temporary short-term or long-term basis.

The Office of Children & Youth strives to keep children within their own communities to maintain connections and stability in their lives. When possible, children attend the same school, the same church and maintain friendships to support overall child well-being.



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Responsibility of Children & Youth

It is the responsibility of the Office of Children & Youth to identify and plan for a permanent home for a child from the very first day of placement or child's temporary removal from home. Typically, the child's reunification with birth family is the goal, but the Office of Children & Youth must plan concurrently for an alternate permanency goal (i.e. adoption) at the same time should the child be unable to return home. Foster parents work closely with birth parents to help educate, support, and mentor them on caring for their children.



Did You Know...

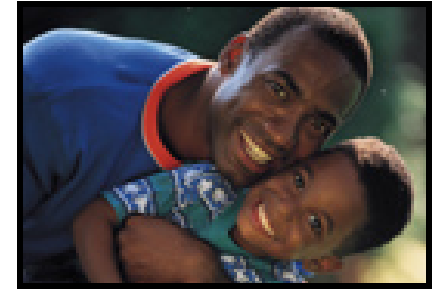
- *Resource parents can be married, single, divorced or in a partnership.
- *Resource parents can be working parents.
- *There is no standard length of placement.
 - *Resource care is **NOT** adoption.
 - Resource care is temporary care.

Our goal is to reunite children with birth family whenever possible.



Support for Resource Parents

- ◆ Case management services provided by Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth staff.
- ◆ Availability of staff around the clock to assist with concerns.
- ◆ Comprehensive Training on effective parenting and parent mentoring.
- ◆ Team Meetings with birth families to develop goals and address issues for foster children and their families.
- ◆ Full medical and dental coverage for the foster child or children.
- ◆ Financial reimbursement for the child's basic needs.
- ◆ SUPERKIDS, Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth's non-profit partner helps fund educational and self-esteem building opportunities for children.



Responsibilities of Resource Parents

- ◆ Provide a stable, caring environment for the foster child or children.
- ◆ Supervise the child in all aspects of day to day life.
- ◆ Establish and monitor rules and routines for the child.
- ◆ Participate in designated training sessions.
- ◆ Participate in monthly team meetings with birth parents and other agency staff to facilitate planning for the family/foster child.
- ◆ Incorporate the birth parents into the lives of their children whenever possible.
- ◆ Establish a working relationship with the birth parents to facilitate the child's return home, or to another permanent setting.
- ◆ Provide transportation to visits and medical appointments.
- ◆ Provide educational opportunities to and mentor birth parents.
- ◆ Supervise and facilitate visitation in the least restrictive environment possible.