

**Casey Family Services** is committed to assuring that all young people in foster care have lasting family relationships and preparation for responsible adulthood.



# Be There for Kids with Kids

Be a foster or adoptive parent for young mothers in Baltimore

During the course of nearly 30 years of working with vulnerable children and families, we have come to realize that the stability and nurturing provided to children by foster and adoptive parents is especially critical. These families are a bridge of hope for children and youth in the foster care system.

We hope that you will join our efforts to reach the goals we seek for all children: safety, well-being, and a family for a lifetime.

Established by UPS founder Jim Casey in 1976 as a source for high-quality foster care, Casey Family Services today offers a broad range of permanency-focused services for vulnerable children and families throughout New England and in Baltimore, Maryland. The direct service agency of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Services is committed to ensuring that every child in care has a lifelong connection to a family or caring adult. A continuum of services for children is offered from family preservation and reunification to foster care, post-adoption services, and an array of other family-based programs.



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**This brochure is the beginning of a conversation with you about parenting a young person in foster care who is raising a child of their own. Please call our office today at 410.342.7554.**



## Who are these Young Parents and Children

Our young parents are residents of Baltimore City. They 12 to 18 years old and in the custody of the state because they are unable to live safely with their families of origin. The children of these young people in care range in age from birth to 4. The young parent will either have custody of their children at the time of placement or be in need of a placement that can accommodate reunification of parent and child.

## Our Permanency Teaming Model

Our primary goal is for the young people served through this program to exit care with enduring family ties and fewer severed relationships. Casey utilizes a permanency teaming process that brings together youth, family members professional and informal supports to enhance family and child well-being through greater coordination.

## Becoming a Foster or Adoptive Parent through Casey

If you become a parent through Casey, you can help children by:

- Meeting their daily needs in a stable, loving, and nurturing environment
- Teaching them how to live in a family
- Supporting them in achieving a family connection, which could mean the child returns to the birth or extended family, or becomes an adopted member of your family
- Working with Casey social workers and other specialists to support the child in resolving emotional challenges, improving, social skills, and achieving self-sufficiency
- Partnering in training, consultations, meetings, and agency events that help guide and support your efforts
- Supporting adolescents in building the skills needed for a successful adulthood

## Who is Eligible

Foster and adoptive parents may be individuals or couples, with or without children. In general, foster parents must meet state requirements and:

- Be at least 25 years of age
- Have experience with children and or strong parenting skills
- Have a reliable source of income
- Have sufficient living space for the child and parent, including two extra bedrooms
- Be in good health
- Have experienced no major life changes in the past year

## Your Needs Are Important to Us

Casey provides a range of ongoing support and services to help you care for children and youth according to their needs. Support includes:

- Comprehensive training before you begin
- Assistance with planning respite care
- Face-to-face meetings with a social worker and permanency team meetings to plan, track progress, and address concerns
- Connections with other foster families
- Ongoing training and conferences to increase knowledge and skills
- Accessible clinical services
- A monthly room and board stipend and reimbursement for clothing and other special expenses