

What can a Foster Parent Support Specialist do for me?



FPSS can assist foster parents in multiple ways, such as:

- Crisis support through in-home visits or by phone.
- Assist in identifying training needs to maintain licensure.
- Brainstorm strategies to support children in your home.
- Attend school meetings, court hearings, ACRs, or child and family team meetings as needed.
- Facilitate foster parent support groups.
- Act as a liaison with multiple agencies.
- Telephone, virtual or in person availability.
- Assist yo in getting services and supports
- LISTEN!

We are here for you!

Foster Parent Support Specialist

Your line of support



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What is a Foster Parent Support Specialist?

Foster Parent Support Specialists (FPSS) work with licensed DCFS foster families or relative caregivers to:

- Prevent placement disruptions.
- Promote family reunification.
- Stabilize foster care placements.
- Facilitate youth development.
- Ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children in care.

FPSS are current or previously licensed foster parents in the state of Illinois. Each FPSS participates in ongoing training to stay current on DCFS policy and procedure.

FPSS can help you understand your rights and responsibilities as a foster parent. You can call during a crisis situation for assistance in decision-making or to locate resources within your community. FPSS can advocate for you in many situations.

Available during regular hours for routine business and after hours for emergency support.

FPSS are assigned to foster parents based on their location. Even as children enter and leave your home, a FPSS will remain available.

Who is my Foster Parent Support Specialist?



If you are unsure of how to reach out to your support specialist, your DCFS licensing worker or DCFS caseworker can help identify the support specialist for your area.

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