

# Open Mind Open Heart Open Home

## Fostering Children with Developmental Disabilities

Foster parenting is a rewarding experience and gives a child the safe and caring home they need. Through training and support, you will become well equipped for the most meaningful challenge you may ever encounter. Anyone can be trained to foster children with developmental disabilities; no previous experience is necessary.



agency for persons with disabilities  
*State of Florida*





There are many resources available to help you while fostering a child with developmental disabilities. Government and community supports make fostering children with special needs a fulfilling experience.

Support may be provided through the following agencies:

**Agency for Health Care Administration:**

**1-888-419-3456**

**<http://ahca.myflorida.com>**

**Agency for Persons with Disabilities:**

**1-866-APD-CARES**

**<http://apdcares.org>**

**Department of Children and Families:**

**1-866-762-2237**

**[http://www.myflfamilies.com/  
service-programs/foster-care](http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/foster-care)**



To help you navigate the fostering experience, support and information will be available by Family Care Council (FCC) members. You may contact your local FCC by calling 1-800-470-8101 or by going to <http://www.fccflorida.org/local-councils.html>