

Foster for Hertfordshire

You could make a real difference to a child or young person!

Needed: inspirational people who can provide stability and security to children and young people in care.

By joining HCC's team of foster carers you will be doing the ordinary everyday things that will make an extraordinary difference to children who are going through tough times.

If you are passionate about helping children and young people and have at least one spare bedroom in your home, we would love to hear from you. Our foster carers come from all walks of life: some have their own families, some are single carers – and as long as you are over 21 you could become a foster carer.



We currently have a real shortage of carers for groups of two or more brothers and sisters and carers who could look after over 10s, so please do get in touch.

In return for fostering, you'll receive full training and support, plus a fee and allowance of up to £400 per child per week.

Every day we need to find foster families for children and young people in Hertfordshire.

Shared care

Hertfordshire County Council also provides a shared care service for children and young people with disabilities. Shared

carers are people from all walks of life who look after a child or young person with disabilities for short breaks on a regular basis. Visits can be anything from a few hours a week after school, to a day at the weekends or in the school holidays, to even a regular weekend stay, depending upon the needs of the child. They can look after them in their own home, the child's home, or take them out and about. It allows children to become more independent, visit new places and meet new friends, while their parents get a break from full time caring.

Could you adopt in Hertfordshire?

We need more people who can provide a loving and permanent home for children who have had a difficult start in life.

Hertfordshire County Council's Adoption Team needs to find more families for children waiting for adoption. All the children we need to find new families for will have experienced some trauma. Some will have been born addicted to drugs; others may have been abused or neglected.

We need people from a range of cultural backgrounds to come forward and offer a permanent home for children who badly need stability. We carefully match children to families that reflect their ethnic identity as closely as possible.

Adoption is a lifelong commitment so Hertfordshire County Council provides a tailor made adoption support package which includes ongoing training and support.

If you would like to find out more about fostering, adoption or shared care in Hertfordshire, please call us on freephone **0800 917 0925** or visit www.hertsdirect.org/fostering