



Happy Holidays!

It's the most wonderful time of the year! From family gatherings to time with friends, parties, gift shopping, good food, and sharing Holiday traditions this is a special time... for most of us.

But for too many children right in our area the Holidays can be anything but magical. Imagine how difficult the life of a child can be in an unstable home. For a growing number of southwestern Ohio children foster care provides much needed stability and nurturing.

Unfortunately today there remains a shortage of foster care providers in our area. When there aren't enough local foster care providers children are often sent to foster homes in other areas of the state; sometimes hours away.

As you can imagine, this adds further stress and trauma to an already chaotic situation. If you've considered becoming a foster or adoptive parent now is the time. Contact us if you, or anyone you know, is interested to learn more.

Finally, each of us here at Clermont County Children's Protective Services want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Holiday Season. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all of our Foster Care and Adoptive parents.

What's the Goal?

Everyone understands that the primary objective of the foster care system is to protect children from a situation that may be unsafe or otherwise hinder their development. It may be that the child is being abused, neglected, living in a dangerous environment, or that the parents are simply unable to provide for the child's wellbeing. When this is the case, children are removed from the home for what is hopefully a temporary placement with a foster care provider.

It's important to understand that the goal is reunification. We hope that the parent(s) has corrected the problem and are now capable of performing their parental duties. Remember, the majority of these children want to be back at home. Sadly, there are times when a child will not return home. This becomes the case when after some period of time it's determined that parental rights must be forfeited for the wellbeing of the child. At that point the court intervenes and the child becomes eligible for adoption.

Learn more about becoming a foster parent by calling Trina Farrell at 513-732-7765 or visit us on the web at www.clermontforkids.org.



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Holiday Giving

Foster families who have children placed in their homes should have received a form to let the agency know what the children placed in your home would like for Christmas presents. If you haven't already done so, please complete the form and return to your caseworker just as soon as you can. We would like to find sponsors for each and every child in our custody.

Many sponsors like to shop early, so getting the lists back to the worker quickly is very important. If your family or a family you know would like to sponsor a child whose family is involved with Children's Services, please call Sanna Gast at 732-7173 and follow the prompts for dial by name.

Holiday Hours

The Clermont County Children's Services Foster Care/Visitation Unit will be closed on Christmas day and will not have any visits on Christmas Eve. We will also be closed on New Years day. We hope that you and your families have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Check us out on Facebook

The Clermont for Kids [Facebook](#) page is a great way to stay in touch and keep informed about news and upcoming events. You can help spread the word; be sure to follow, like and share our Facebook with your family and friends.

Video: Meet My Son



Its adoption day for Edgar! Elizabeth had been hoping and praying for this day to come and its finally here. Watch their story with this YouTube [link](#).

Interested in learning how you can become a foster care or adoptive parent? Visit our web site to learn more or contact Trina Farrell at 513-732-7765.

A Friendly Reminder...

The foster care department would like to give a friendly reminder to all foster/adoptive parents to report changes in their circumstances to their support worker. The most common changes that are not being reported are moving to a new location, changing jobs that effect the household income and household members moving in or out of the home.

Did you know that Nation Wide, the number of children in foster care increased 2.3% to 437,465. This figure has risen every year since 2012.

4 Questions 4: Destiny Parks

Destiny is new to the team having been with us since October. She is a member of the transportation/visitation staff in the Children's Services Foster Care/Visitation Unit. Let's take a minute to learn a little more about her with four quick questions.

Hi Destiny, can you tell us a little about yourself?

I recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati. I come from a large family and I'm the middle child with seven siblings.

What do you like best about your job?

I enjoy seeing both sides of the foster care program. I've really come to appreciate our many great foster parents. I especially like seeing how they are able to change the behavior of some kids — from terrors to those who know and respect the rules.

What keeps you busy away from work; any interesting hobbies?

During my off time I like to stay active. I especially enjoy hunting and fishing. And when I'm not doing those things you can usually find me attending all sorts of local sporting events.

OK, last question. Do you like to travel; what are your favorite places to visit?

Yes I do like to get away every now and then. There are several favorite places that come to mind. Cancun, Mexico is always a great place to spend a vacation. For shorter trips Gatlinburg, and Niagara Falls are great!

Adoption Spotlight: Introducing Seth!

Meet Seth. He is a charming ten year old boy. And while he enjoys playing video games, Seth also likes outdoor activities. Like most children his age Seth is very active and likes to stay active. He loves all kinds of animals, especially dogs.

Seth has older siblings and would like to remain in touch with them. Seth needs a forever family.

If you think you might be the forever home for Seth, or just want to learn more, please contact:

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FOR A HOME.

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Attention Foster Parents Winter Weather is Coming!!!

In the event of bad weather please call
513-732-7627.

There will be a recording to notify you if visits
have been cancelled for the day.



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2019 Open Houses

Our Open Houses are a great way to learn more, ask questions, and often have a chance to speak directly with Foster or Adoptive parents.

For a complete list of upcoming Open House dates, times, and locations please visit our [website](#) or feel free to contact: TRINA FARRELL at 513-732-7765.

Q&A

Question: Can a foster care or adoptive parent request the age and sex of a child?

Answer: Yes! Applicants are encouraged to carefully consider age and gender as well as other characteristics of the children they would like to receive into their home.

You've got questions, we've got answers. Go [here](#) to learn more.

Meet our Staff

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