

Fostering In Singapore



What Is Fostering?

Foster families provide safety, stability and shelter for children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Fostering is a temporary care arrangement and the end goal is to reunite foster children with their birth families, once they are assessed to be able to care for them.



Who Are The Children In Foster Care?



Children may be in foster care as they have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

Who Can Be Foster Parents?

The eligibility criteria include:

- Be married and apply together as a couple
- Be at least 25 years old
- Be financially stable and medically fit to care for children
- Commit to provide a child-safe home environment. This includes refraining from the use of physical punishment such as caning or hitting. For foster parents caring for children below the age of 13, a child-safe environment includes having window grilles on all windows.



What Are The Support For Foster Parents?

Foster Care Workers will work closely with foster parents to provide guidance and support. MSF also provides training and a 24-hour hotline for foster parents to call in case of emergencies.

A monthly allowance is provided for every foster child under your care. The allowance will help to defray the expenses of caring for the foster child, such as for food, clothing, education, tuition, transport. The allowances provided are as follows:

Age Group	Normal Development	With special needs/medical needs
Young children (0 to 12 years old)	\$1,100	\$1,500
Teenagers (13 years old and above)	\$1,300	\$1,800

Foster parents who wish to place the foster child in a student, child or infant care centre will only need to pay a maximum of S\$200. MSF also provides every foster child with a Medical Fee Exemption Card to cover all medical expenses at polyclinics and Government hospitals.



Resource Links

Watch the following videos!



1. History of Fostering: https://youtu.be/qOPz_A8bgos
2. Seasons of Love: https://youtu.be/W7i_pzfRj5Y
3. Big Little Moments: https://youtu.be/h_LUMQhy3lc



Read the following articles!

1. [10 interesting things about fostering in Singapore you probably didn't know](#)
2. [I couldn't have done it without my foster family](#)
3. [Foster care in Singapore: Michael and Irene's journey](#)

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