



**Make a
difference,
be a foster
parent!**

For you, who loves children and comes from a multicultural background!

We need foster parents with a multicultural background

You have a multicultural background and know what it is like to live at the intersection of different cultures. This means that while you are integrated into Norwegian society, you also have another language, cultural or perhaps religious background. Your situation can serve as a good foundation for giving care to a child with a similar background. You can help the child to develop their mother tongue, give them a sense of cultural and religious belonging and show them how to manage day-to-day life in Norway. If you succeed with this, then you can help a child to develop a secure identity.

«There are two things we want to give our children. The first is roots, the second is wings».

The Child Welfare Services' responsibilities

The main task of the Child Welfare Services is to ensure that children and young people whose living circumstances may threaten their health and development, receive the help and the care that they need in time. The Child Welfare Services shall help ensure a safe upbringing for children and young people.

Parents or others can contact the Child Welfare Services for help with providing a good upbringing for children and young people. Most children and parents who receive help from the Child Welfare Services do so in the form of some form of in-home assistance. For some children, however, this is not enough. These children need short or long-term foster carers.

Unaccompanied minor refugees that are to be placed in a municipality, need to be looked after by caring adults. Refugee children may also need help from the Child Welfare Services.

Foster parents have a loving and positive approach to children

As a foster carer you are awarded day-to-day responsibility for a child on behalf of the Child Welfare Services. Even though not all societies provide child welfare services in the same way as Norway, caring for the children of others in situations where the biological parents, for one reason or another, are unable to do so themselves is common practice around the world.

You need to have the ability, time and resources required to provide the child with a safe and good home. You need to have a stable living situation, be of good general health and possess good teamwork skills. It is also important that your finances, housing situation and social network can provide children with development opportunities. Potential foster parents must also be able to demonstrate good conduct and present a satisfactory criminal record certificate.

Different children – different needs

When selecting foster homes, the Child Welfare Services shall prioritise what is best for the child in question. The Child Welfare Services shall, as far as possible, find a home capable of taking into account the child's ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic background, as necessary.

Preparation makes successful foster parents

The Foster Care Service offers a basic training course for foster parents-to-be. This course will help you determine whether you are able and willing to become a foster parent.

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