

Interested in Foster Parenting?

For more information about becoming a foster parent, contact Barb Alsup at (217) 367-3728, or mail this form to the address below, and she will get back to you.

Please tell me more about how I can help children and learn and grow as I give them a loving foster home.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone #

Email Address

Send this form to:

Cunningham

CHILDREN'S • HOME

Attn: Foster Care Program

1301 North Cunningham Avenue

Urbana, IL 61802



“Call Cunningham if you are interested in foster parenting. They will help prepare you, assist you, and help solve problems that arise. They’re friendly and always there for you – and they always put kids’ needs first.”

– Danny & Jill Newbig, Foster Parents

Cunningham cares.

The mission of Cunningham Children’s Home is to offer emotional, social, educational and spiritual support to children, youth and families by providing a safe, nurturing, therapeutic environment in which individuals may experience personal growth and healing.

Cunningham Children’s Home is a mission and ministry of the United Methodist Women of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference in partnership with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Cunningham cares about foster parents...



So you can care for a foster child.

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Cunningham kids need you to be their foster parent.

“I like knowing I’m making a difference in the life of a child.”

– Janice A. Walker, Foster Parent

Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

Are you looking for a place where you can get support, information, and advice about being a foster parent?

Cunningham foster parents are central to our team of professionals, working together to meet the needs of hurting and troubled foster children and youth placed in a foster home.

Foster parents must be:

- Caring, concerned, and committed to children and youth.
- At least 21 years of age.
- Available 24 hours a day to meet the needs of the child placed in their home.
- Able to meet State of Illinois Foster Home licensing standards.
- Able to participate in training.



Specialized Foster Parents:

- Provide youth with a positive, accepting environment in which she/he may experience planful change.
- Are an integral part of a Treatment Team which includes the youth, biological parents, foster parents and Cunningham staff.
- Help develop and implement the behavioral treatment plan for the child(ren) placed within their home.
- Act as liaison to the child’s school and other community resources.
- Serve as mentor and role model to biological parents.

Support for foster parents

Cunningham provides our dedicated foster parents with significant training and support — including 27 hours of preservice training, 15 hours of treatment foster parent training, and 6 hours of educational advocacy.

To offset the cost of supporting a foster child, foster parents are provided with a total of \$40.55 per day for room and board, clothing, and the child’s allowance. All of the child’s medical and dental expenses are also paid.

Foster program staff are available on call 24-hours a day, every day. Plus, foster parents are supported and encouraged through monthly support and training dinners where childcare is provided. We truly see foster parents as an extension of the Cunningham team and family.

“Foster kids come with baggage. You’ve got to give them a chance. It’s like anything else – you’ve got to teach them before they can reach their potential.”

– Nelson Luyando, Sr., Foster Parent

“Cunningham is one of the best agencies I know of. The staff are some of the most outstanding people you could ever hope to work with.” – Gary Johnson, Foster Parent