

Stark County Job & Family Services

HUMAN SERVICES - CHILDREN SERVICES - CHILD SUPPORT

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STARK JFS TO HOST FOSTER & ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS ON ZOOM

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job and Family Services' Division of Children Services will host information meetings on the Zoom platform to recruit foster care and adoptive parents. Residents who have considered fostering or adopting a child, or those who have questions about the process, are encouraged to attend.

Meetings are scheduled to take place from 6 to 7 p.m. on February 10, March 10, April 14, and May 12. During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to talk with a caseworker, ask questions, and learn about the foster care and adoption experience. A link to the Zoom meeting will be provided after registration. To register, please contact Jennifer Loomis at 330-451-8789 or Jennifer.Loomis@jfs.ohio.gov.

Due to the pandemic, there is an increased need for foster parents in our community. Foster care families provide much needed physical, emotional, and social support to a child waiting to be reunited with their natural family or permanently placed with an adoptive family. Stark County currently has 383 children living in foster care, including 92 in permanent custody who are eligible for adoption. The average age of children in foster care is 8 years old.

The process to become a foster care and adoptive parent requires training and licensing through Stark County Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Many of the training classes can be attended virtually. Potential parents must be at least 21 years of age, provide proof of income to meet the needs of the household, and successfully pass required background checks.

To learn more about foster care and adoption in Stark County, please visit www.StarkJFS.org/children-services-division.

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