

# Stark County Job & Family Services

HUMAN SERVICES - CHILDREN SERVICES - CHILD SUPPORT

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## STARK JFS TO HOST FOSTER & ADOPTION VIRTUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 11

**Canton, Ohio** - Stark County Job and Family Services' Division of Children Services will host a virtual information meeting to recruit foster care and adoptive parents on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 from 6 to 7 p.m. The meeting will take place on the Zoom platform. Residents who have considered fostering or adopting a child are encouraged to attend.

During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to talk with a caseworker, ask questions, and learn about the foster care and adoption process. 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](mailto:Jennifer.Loomis@jfs.ohio.gov).

The Division of Children Services currently has a great need for foster care families. These 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 has nearly 400 children living in the foster care system. The average age of a child 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 18 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](http://www.StarkJFS.org).

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