



FEBRUARY 2025

FOSTER PARENT SHOUT OUT!

The Baby Fold foster care team would like to recognize Tracey Blair for her commitment to children in care. Tracey's foster care journey began in 2022 when she started providing relative care to a family member. Tracey worked tirelessly, advocating for, and ensuring that, the child received the supports they needed to better manage their traumas. Tracey sought educational training and services that would guide her in providing the best specialized care she could. Once the child returned to their birth family, Tracey recognized her impact and chose to convert her license and become a traditional care provider. She has recently accepted placement of a sibling set with adoption permanency goals. She collaborated well with the children's previous foster parent to ensure a smooth transition, and continues to build her network for stability. Tracey understands the importance of quality substitute care and knows that informed care greatly impacts a child's life trajectory. Tracey has managed all of these demands while guiding her own biological children down paths of success!

Advocacy, commitment, dedication, and teamwork are the things that make Tracey a Foster Hero!
Thank you!

Don't forget about our Referral Incentive Program!

If you refer a family for licensure that successfully becomes licensed, you will be rewarded \$150! Referred families must identify you within the first 3 days of the licensing process. Please reach out to your licensing worker if you have any questions or concerns.



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Foster Parent Rights and Responsibilities #11

Foster Parents have the right to be given reasonable written notice of (i) any change in a child's case plan, (ii) plans to terminate the placement of the child with the foster parents, and (iii) the reasons for the change or termination in placement. The notice shall be waived only in cases of a court order or when the child is determined to be at imminent risk of harm. Foster Parents also have the responsibility to know the role, rights and responsibilities of foster parents, other professionals in the child welfare system, the child and the child's own family.

Upcoming Trainings & Support Groups

TBRI TRAINING & SUPPORT GROUP

Trust-Based Relational Intervention is a trauma informed program that focuses on meeting relational and developmental needs of children, while supporting caregivers in building healthy attachments and effective interventions. Join our 12-week virtual training designed for caregivers and professionals working with children from hard places. Learn trauma-informed strategies to help children heal, grow, and thrive.

SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES

This ministry exists to engage the church & local community in consistent loving support of families involved in foster care by providing access to physical, relational, & spiritual resources.

DADS SHARPEN DADS

A safe place for dads to share their unique challenges, as well as education and support for each other to be their very best. Meets 2 times a month. For more in Ken Summers at Ksummers@thebabyfold.org for more information

WEDNESDAY NOON GROUP

Provides education and support related to parenting, trauma, and self-care within the context of adoption and foster care. Meets 2 times a month. Email Melissa at MLEGENDRE@thebabyfold.org for more information.

GRANDPARENT CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Fostering a grandchild? This group is for you! Meets once a month at Community Care, located at 3601 General Electric Rd. Suite #2 Bloomington, IL 61704. Caregivers & children are able to meet together to do activities, crafts, share a meal, and get acquainted. If you would like more information, please call Angie Raymer at 309-661-6400.

Please reach out to your worker if you have any questions:

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