

Leap into becoming a foster caregiver with Trumbull County Children Services

Warren, Ohio - Trumbull County Children Services (TCCS) will host a Meet & Greet panel luncheon for families or individuals interested in learning more about becoming a foster caregiver to children who are in the care of the Agency on Thursday, February 29 at 12:00 p.m.

There are approximately 130 children in either temporary or permanent custody of TCCS. The need for foster homes continues to increase for a variety of reasons.

This informal event will take place at TCCS, 2282 Reeves Road, NE, Warren. The event will feature a panel of individuals to include current foster caregivers, an experienced foster caregiver who mentors newly licensed families, and caseworkers. Panelist stories will highlight their personal journey in foster care and the impact that foster caregivers have in the lives of children who have experienced trauma. Additionally, staff will provide a brief overview of the licensing process.

Foster caregivers provide temporary, safe, loving homes for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Janessa Keifer, Supervisor of Foster Care for Trumbull County Children Services, shares, "Give a child the gift of a family this holiday season. Every child belongs in a family, especially during the holidays. Our dedicated team of foster caregivers stand in the gap for children who enter the foster care system while their birth family works toward the goal of reunification."

Foster home turnover grows each year because families adopt one or more children they are fostering. Additionally, the need for foster caregivers has increased because well over 50% of children in custody have a guardian with a substance use disorder or mental illness, which can require lengthy treatment. This results in children remaining in foster care longer and limits the availability of new placements in those homes.

To learn more or to RSVP your attendance, please call Hannah Telesz, Community Liaison and Recruitment Specialist, by February 27, at 330-372-2010, ext. 1343. Lunch will be provided.

Trumbull County Children Services, in partnership with families and the community, protects and advocates for children in crisis or at risk of abuse and neglect. The Agency assesses risk and builds on family strengths in seeking to maintain or reunite children with safe families. We perform this mandate with compassion, respect, and professionalism to families in Trumbull County.

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