

Thank  
You

- To those agencies who give us the privilege of serving children through our foster care program.
- To foster families who open their hearts and homes to caring for a child in need.
- To those who give consideration to becoming a foster family.
- To our children in care who challenge us, motivate us and steal our hearts.
- To those who support our program through gifts and donations.
- To those who pray for our children and agency.

*“Children are a gift from God;  
they are his reward.”*

*(Psalm 127.3)*

## For More Information:

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1-888-477-8408

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Elkins, WV  
(304) 636-1410

1511 Pleasant Valley Road  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
(304) 368-0030

Rt. 3, Box 346-A  
Grafton, WV 26354  
(304) 265-1338  
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RR3, Box 3122  
Keyser, WV 26726  
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# Specialized Foster Care Program



*Providing comprehensive services to  
vulnerable children, youth and families.*



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Burlington entered the foster care ministry in 1985. Since that time it has grown to be one of the agency's largest children's services' programs. The programs operate from offices in Beckley, Elkins, Grafton, Fairmont and Keyser, WV.

The foster care program provides services to children, birth to 18 years of age, who may have suffered from abuse and neglect and who may have emotional or physical challenges or other circumstances which make them unable to live with their family of origin. Children served are of all races and religions.

Children are referred to the program by social services agencies, primarily the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the State of Maryland, Department of Human Resources.

Foster families are needed for the program and the agency recruits families on an ongoing basis.

## Eligibility Criteria For Foster Parents

- Over 25 years of age
- Good physical and emotional health
- Stable family relationships
- Married (if applicable) for at least three years
- Ability to manage family financial obligations
- Willingness to undergo required police and child abuse clearances
- Willingness to undergo required home study evaluation
- Willingness to participate in initial and ongoing training
- Openness to issues of working with child's birthparents
- Understanding of unpredictability of foster care: it may be temporary or may require that a family make a permanent commitment to the child
- Flexibility

## Services Provided (Includes but is not limited to)

### *For The Child:*

- Immediate placement in safe family environment upon referral
- Assignment of a social worker who will coordinate treatment and services
- Access to emergency services on a 24 hour basis
- Coordination of birth family contact (if recommended)
- Other services as needed

### *For Foster Parents:*

- Individualized orientation, initial and ongoing training
- Supportive services from a treatment coordinator
- Monthly financial assistance to defray costs
- Access to respite care services, if needed
- Other services as needed

