



INFORMATION GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS





A Message from the Directors of Rising Stars

We sincerely appreciate your interest in Rising Stars Fostering.

At Rising Stars, our foster carers and the children they care for are central to our decision-making and improvements in service. Our primary objective is to guarantee the safety and well-being of you, your family, and the children in your care. We provide essential tools and support to help you excel in your role as foster carer.

Our mission is to ensure that the children entrusted to us feel secure, receive encouragement for their dreams, and are guided through challenges as they transition into adulthood.

Together, we embark on a journey of transformation and growth, where every child is seen, heard, and valued. Our commitment extends beyond mere words; it is reflected in the comprehensive training programs, 24/7 support, and community engagement initiatives we offer. We believe that by investing in our foster carers, we are fostering a brighter future for the children and young people in our care.

As part of the Rising Stars family, you are never alone. We encourage open communication and continuously seek your feedback to improve our services. Your insights and experiences are invaluable as we strive to create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey. Together, we are making a lasting impact in the lives of so many. Let's continue to inspire and nurture the stars of tomorrow.

Launch Dreams, Nurture Stars with Rising Stars Fostering.

Amel Bensmail



We launch dreams and nurture stars

We are an independent fostering agency that warmly invites prospective foster parents. We offer 24/7 support and tailored training to equip you for caring for young people in care.

At Rising Stars, the outcomes for children are central to every decision we make, and the voices of our carers drive the enhancement of our services.

Our dedicated team works tirelessly to ensure that each child finds a loving and supportive home where they can flourish. We believe that fostering is not just about providing a temporary home; it's about creating lasting, positive impacts on young lives.

By joining our community, you'll be part of a network that values compassion, understanding, and commitment. You'll have access to a wealth of resources, including peer support groups and ongoing educational opportunities, all designed to help you succeed in your fostering journey.

Together, let's make a difference and help every child we care for reach their full potential. Whether you're new to fostering or have years of experience, Rising Stars is here to support you every step of the way.



Our Values

Launching dreams

We empower children to achieve the best possible outcomes.



Aligning Stars

We create the perfect connections between foster parents and children.



Overcoming obstacles

We collaborate as a team to navigate challenges centered around the child.



What is fostering?

When children or young people cannot live with their biological parents or other relatives, fostering provides a means to give them a nurturing family setting.

Fostering serves as a significant opportunity to improve the lives of children and young people who have encountered considerable challenges, demonstrating to them that a hopeful future is possible

With the support and stability offered by a foster family, these children can experience a sense of belonging and security, which is essential for their emotional and psychological well-being. Foster care not only addresses immediate needs but also focuses on helping children develop essential life skills, build self-esteem, and cultivate positive relationships. Foster parents play a pivotal role in this journey, offering guidance, understanding, and unconditional love, all of which contribute to opening new doors and opportunities for the young individuals in their care. Through fostering, the community as a whole can come together to ensure that every child has the chance to thrive and succeed..

You will invite a child or young person to join your family and live in your home. Your role will be to support them in leading happy and healthy lives, whether for a short or long-term stay.

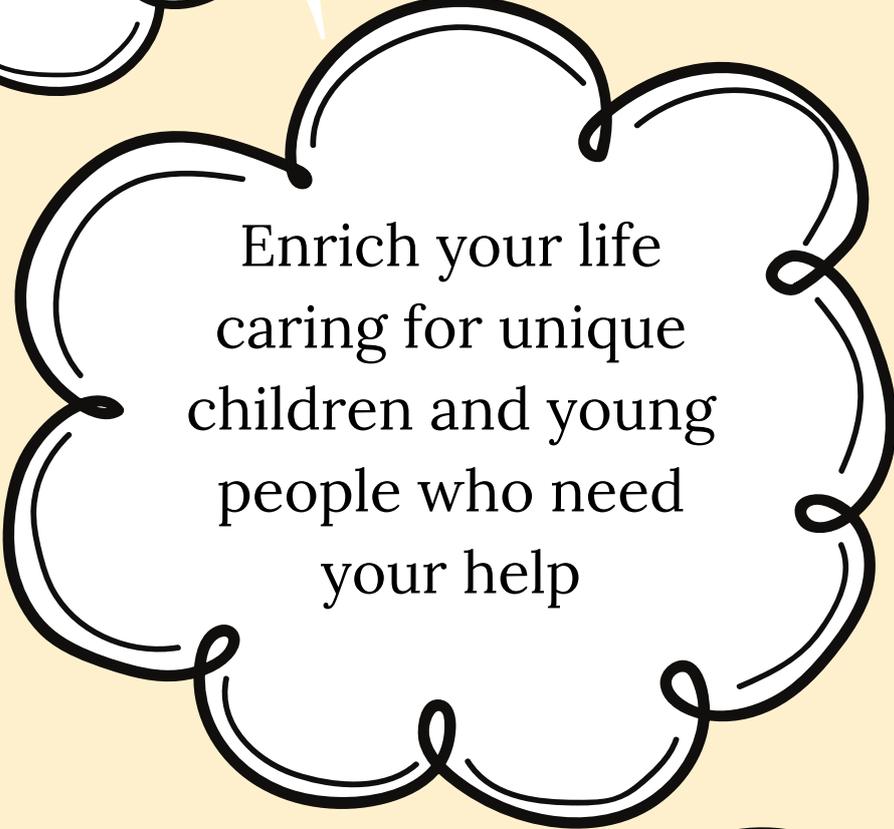




Help fight larger
societal
problems



Earn up to £950
per week



Enrich your life
caring for unique
children and young
people who need
your help



Build a bigger,
loving family



Help children to
build self-esteem
and set future
goals

Different to Adoption

When considering fostering and adoption, it's important to recognize some key differences:

- Fostering is generally a temporary arrangement, while adoption is a permanent legal process.
- Foster carers do not hold parental responsibility for the child in their care, whereas adoptive parents assume the role of the child's legal guardians.
- A child in long-term foster care may maintain contact with their birth family, but an adopted child legally cuts all ties with their birth parents and fully integrates into their new family.
- Fostering offers a monthly allowance where adoption doesn't
- Fostering offers 24/7 support from agency and social workers which is not the case when it comes to adoption

Understanding these distinctions is crucial for individuals or families deciding which path to pursue. Fostering can be a rewarding experience, offering a supportive environment to children in need and allowing for emotional growth and development. It involves working closely with social services and often requires a flexible, empathetic approach to accommodate the child's unique needs and circumstances.

Both fostering and adoption play vital roles in providing safe and loving homes for children, each offering its own set of challenges and rewards. Those interested in either option should carefully consider their abilities, resources, and long-term goals to make the best decision for themselves and the children they wish to support.



If you are ...

- ★ Must be at least 21 years old (you can legally apply starting at 18)
- ★ A full-time resident in the UK, possess leave to remain, or be eligible to work
- ★ Able to dedicate time to caring for a child or young person, typically on a full-time basis
- ★ Committed to participating in training and support groups
- ★ Have a spare bedroom that is sufficiently spacious for a child or young person to reside in
- ★ Possession of a driving license is preferred, but not mandatory

**APPLY
NOW**



THE PROCESS

Initial enquiry:
We take some basic information about you and your family to ensure you qualify to become a carer.

Application Form:
You need to fill in the application form asking you for more information so we can begin an application.

Home visit: We will visit to check the room and complete health and safety check of the home.

Panel: You will attend a meeting where independent people will read your assessment and make a recommendation

Form F: A social worker will complete an assessment about life experiences your skills

Instigating checks:
We complete background checks, DBS, medical and references.

Approval: Congrats now you are approved. Welcome to Rising Stars!

First Placement: You have your first placement Well Done



FAQ

Do I need previous childcare experience?

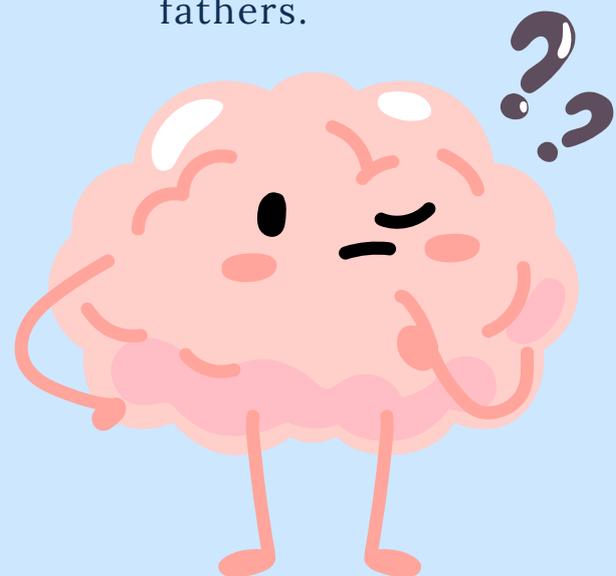
While prior experience with children is useful, it's not essential. Our foster carers come from a variety of backgrounds, and we're here to support and train you for a successful fostering journey.

What is the age limit for foster care?

As a general rule, foster carers should be at least 21 years old. However, there is no upper age limit as long as you have the energy to keep up with the needs of the children in your care. We have foster carers in their 70s who continue to provide excellent care.

Can single men foster?

Absolutely! Single men can be excellent foster carers. In fact, having positive male role models can be especially beneficial for children who may have had a negative experience with their own fathers.



I don't own my home, I can't foster!

Each child must have their own bedroom with enough space for a bed, chest of drawers, and a desk. This can be in a rented, council or owned home.

I would have to give up my job...

Arrangements can often be made with your employer to accommodate both work and fostering.

I am single I cant foster

Even if you are single you still can foster. We need all carers from all different background to look after children

I cant have a say on children that come to my house

We can not place a child with you unless you agree to it. It is imporant to ensure you are onboard with the type of placement you take

Why choose Rising Stars Fostering?

Generous
weekly
allowance

24/7 support
from social
workers

Culturally
sensitive
assessment and
support

Strong values
and transparent
management

Dedicated
placement
matching team

We act on your
feedback to
improve services

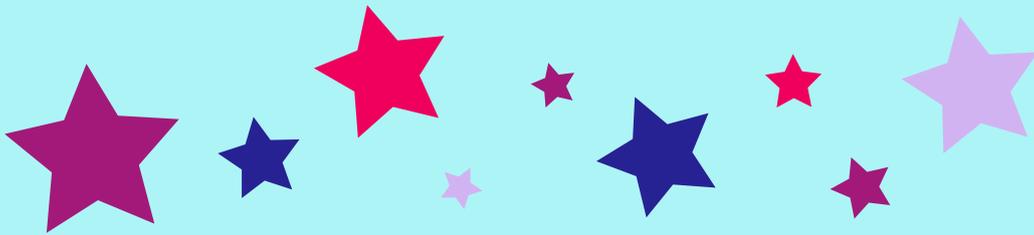
Regular Support
group meetings
with Directors

Personalised
training

Direct access to
senior
management

There is no such thing as a flawless foster parent.

The time, love, and effort you invest in a young person will always be worthwhile.



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