



Dane County Department of Human Services Division of Prevention & Early Intervention

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Dear Prospective Foster Parent(s),

Thank you for your interest in **Dane County Foster Care**! We warmly welcome individuals and families who want to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and youth in need of care and connection.



Our community is dedicated to providing safe, nurturing environments where children can heal and thrive. By becoming a foster parent, you have the unique opportunity to offer love, stability, and guidance to children who have experienced challenges in their lives.

Dane County offers comprehensive resources, training, and ongoing support to ensure that foster families feel well-equipped to meet the emotional and physical needs of the children in their care.

👉 Next Steps

Please review the [Wisconsin Administrative Code DCF 56](#) to ensure your family meets the basic licensing qualifications.

Then, reach out to me at (608) 334-4417 or Salzwedel.Erin@danecounty.gov to coordinate a virtual info session about the licensing process and becoming a **Dane County Foster Parent**.

Once we've connected, you'll receive a **Foster Care Application** to complete. We will review and you'll move into the **pre-screening phase**, which includes scheduling electronic fingerprinting. I'll guide you through each step of the process and connect you with one of our **Foster Home Consultants**, who will work with you to complete your home study and foster care license.

As part of the initial application process, all applicants must complete the **Foster Parent Pre-Placement Training**. You can begin this online training at any time at <https://care.wcwpds.wisc.edu/foster-parent-pre-placement/>

👉 Once completed please email me your training certificates.

After the pre-screening process is complete, your assigned **Foster Home Consultant** will meet with you to answer questions, conduct your home inspection, and prepare your **Licensing Home Study**.

Warm regards,

Erin Salzwedel

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"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story." ~Josh Shipp