

# FOSTERING CONNECTIONS



Fall 2025

## FOSTER CAREGIVER ADVISORY BOARD

Are you a foster parent who would like to be a part of building and strengthening relationships between foster parents and their community, agency staff and other foster parents?

If so, join the Foster Caregiver Advisory Board and be a part of the positive change that can happen!

Our next FCAB meeting is October 16th at 6:30pm. Just scan the QR code to join!



## FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED!

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a licensed foster parent?

Refer them to our agency and receive a \$50 gift card upon the home becoming licensed!

Our Recruitment team is also hosting a Q+A session on October 15th at 10 am and 6pm to give information and answer questions about the requirements and process to becoming licensed foster parents.



10 – 11 am



6 – 7pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CYFS

Community events our Recruitment team will be attending. Come out and say hi!

**9/17** — Normal Day of Play  
10am–3pm in Uptown Normal

**10/25** — CU PrideFest  
1–5pm in Downtown Urbana

Get ready for some **BOO-TIFUL** fun and excitement with Trunk-or-Treats at our CYFS offices

**10/7** — LaSalle 5–7pm at Hegeler Park  
LaSalle

**10/10** — Bloomington 4–6:00pm at 502 S. Morris Ave  
Bloomington

**10/17** — Peoria 4–6pm at 2610 W Richwoods Blvd.  
Peoria

**10/24** — Springfield 4:30–6:30pm at 1630 S State St.  
Springfield

**10/29** — Rock Island 5–7pm at 4703 44th St.  
Rock Island

## FOSTER PARENT TRAININGS AND ROUNDTABLES

**FOSTER PARENT ROUNDTABLE** — Join other CYFS foster parents the first Tuesday of every month to talk, share insights, ask questions, and create connections with each other! There are two times available for you to join!



10-11 am



6:30-7:30 pm

**FOSTER PARENT TRAINING** — Do you know what “Normalcy” in foster care means? Join us **October 21st** to learn about the DCFS Normalcy Parenting and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard. You will learn how to make everyday decisions that support children’s growth and development—such as school activities and social events—while ensuring their safety and well-being. We will walk through what decisions foster parents can make on their own and which decisions still require DCFS approval.

Confused about how to file your taxes and other financial information concerning your youth-in-care? Join us **November 18th** to ask questions and learn about these and other money matters!



10-11 am



6:30-7:30 pm

CYFS is celebrating our foster parents who have exemplified one of our F.I.T.S. pillars by selecting a Foster Parent of the Month. Here are our July and August Foster Parents of the Month!

Chasity and Darren, our August Foster Parents of the Month, exemplify the Family Systems F.I.T.S. pillar by creating a home rooted in love, unity, and resilience. Their dedication goes beyond providing care—they foster lasting bonds that uplift and strengthen the entire family system.

Melissa and Gilbert, our July Foster Parents of the Month, exemplify the Trauma-Responsive F.I.T.S. pillar by creating a healing-centered home where youth feel safe, supported, and valued. Through their patience, love, and intentional care, they go beyond managing behaviors to foster growth, resilience, and brighter futures.

To see their full stories go to our agency Facebook page! Thank you for caring for our youth in such a supportive way!



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