The goal of foster care is to provide for the physical, emotional and social needs of children in an “alternate” family setting until the biological family can be reunited or a permanent placement plan can be implemented.

Responsibilities to the child

• Provide a safe and comfortable home.
• Provide for the child’s basic physical and emotional needs.
• Provide for school attendance; monitor progress, note special needs and accomplishments.
• Attend to medical and dental needs.
• Cooperate with visitation plans.
• Maintain a record of the child’s time in care: photos, report cards, etc.
• Keep information confidential regarding the child and their family.

Responsibilities to the agency

• Keep the agency informed of problems and progress.
• Keep the agency informed of changes in your home.
• Participate in reviews and court hearings with regards to the child.
• Comply with the agency’s training policy.
• Comply with state regulations Wisconsin Administration Code HFS 56.
• Give a minimum of 30 days notice when requesting the child to be removed.

Responsibilities to the biological parents

• Help the child maintain an emotional bond and involvement with the parents and extended family members.
• Provide information about the child’s growth, developments, likes, dislikes, etc.
• Aid in facilitating parental involvement in important aspects of the child’s life.

Responsibilities to the foster parents own family

• Discuss with all family members the decision to provide foster care.
• Make every effort to maintain usual lifestyle and relationships.
• Discuss the impact taking in foster children may have on the family routine.
• Prepare all members for the arrival of foster children.

Benefits:

• Monthly reimbursement
• Child care and transportation reimbursement
• Medical and dental assistance for the child