

# Recruiting now for foster carers in Hertfordshire



**“It is the best feeling in the world, we love it. It’s changed our lives for the better.”**

Dave and Helen, Hertfordshire foster carers

## Are you looking for a more fulfilling career?

There are approximately **950 children and young people in care in Hertfordshire** and many of these children need the love and support of a foster family.

If you are aged over 21, have a spare room at home, and space in your heart, then fostering could be for you.

When you choose to foster with us, you'll receive generous pay and allowances for each child, exceptional training and 24/7 local support right from the very start.

**Get in touch with our friendly team today and we'll help you decide if fostering is right for you.**

## FOSTERWITHUS

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**“You’re never on your own, there’s always support there for any decisions you’re finding difficult.”**

Ed and Jools, Hertfordshire foster carers

## Training and support

When you choose to foster with us, you’ll receive 24/7 local support every step of the way. We provide local training sessions and offer you the chance to participate in our fostering forums where you can share experience and receive support from other foster carers.

## Pay and allowances

Foster carers receive a weekly payment for their skills plus a weekly allowance for each child they look after. The payments foster carers receive are dependent on the age and number of children they look after and their skills and experience. You can view our current rates of pay on our website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fosternow](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fosternow)

To help cover the costs of looking after a child, you will also receive:

- a generous mileage allowance
- setting up fee for furniture and equipment
- two weeks additional summer payments
- holiday and birthday allowance
- initial clothing and school uniform allowance
- festivities allowance
- discounts online and in high street stores



**“I believe that every young person, however they come into the world, deserves an opportunity to have a family life.”**

Ellin, Hertfordshire foster carer

