



## CONTACT US

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## CASE MANAGEMENT

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Our team engages the foster parent and child throughout the placement to ensure services are tailored to best address the child's strengths and needs.

Case managers visit the home weekly to assess the needs of the foster parent and child.



## FOSTER CARE



## CULTURALLY SENSITIVE CARE

Gándara Center's Foster Care program places youth in temporary, safe, therapeutic home environments.

We provide comprehensive case management and recreational opportunities for youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Foster parents will receive training on topics such as trauma, loss, and childhood development.



## REQUIREMENTS

*To become a foster parent you must:*

- Be AT LEAST 21 years of age; there is no maximum age limit
- Have sufficient time, flexibility, and supports to provide adequate supervision to a foster youth.
- Have the ability to speak, read, and write English
- Be physically and mentally capable of providing adequate care and response to a foster youth.
- Must undergo a criminal background check and Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check, plus, fingerprinting. This includes all household members age 15 years or older
- Have a reliable income sufficient to meet current basic household needs and expenses
- Possess a valid ID and have reliable transportation at all times
- Must not run a daycare out of the home
- Provide medical, personal references, among others
- Participate in a home inspection and family assessment



## FOSTER PARENTING

Foster parents care for children and are able to provide support and nurturing for the duration of the child's stay in foster care.

As a foster parent, you will receive a bi-weekly tax-free stipend per child. You will also receive quarterly clothing stipends.

In addition, you will have our support through training, comprehensive case management, and 24 hour on call services.

