



FOSTERHOPE

Therapeutic Foster Care

Why should you become a foster parent?

- New foster parents are needed every day. As of April 2018, nearly 16,461 children in Indiana lived in a foster care environment.
- Foster parents are needed to provide a safe environment. Child abuse and neglect cases filed in Indiana courts have increased 97.4 percent in the last 10 years.
- Specifically in your community, there are hurting children who need hope for a brighter future. As a foster parent, you can provide that hope.
- Families in your community will be strengthened by caring persons who demonstrate safe and nurturing parenting skills.
- You can do it.



Meridian Health Services is a regional, progressive healthcare organization specializing in “whole-person” health integrating physical, mental and social well-being. The focus on a broader spectrum of health offers a well-rounded approach for happier, healthier patients.

Meridian Health Services provides:

- Primary family medical care
- Behavioral & Psychiatric Services
- Women’s Health—OB/GYN
- Pediatric Health/Urgent Care
- Dental Health—Family Dentistry
- Children and Family Programs
- Child Advocacy Center for children affected by abuse
- Home, community and school-based services
- School Clinics—Medical/Behavioral
- Therapeutic foster care and adoption
- Addiction and Recovery Services
- Residential Treatment Centers
- Maternal Treatment Programs
- Men’s & Women’s Recovery Homes
- Homelessness and independent living support
- Programs for individuals with intellectual or developmental disorders and mental health needs
- Case management, skill building and supported employment
- HIV Non-Medical Case Management

Meridian Health Services locations:

Muncie – Main Office	240 N. Tillotson Ave.	765-288-1928
Muncie - Annex	130 N. Tillotson Ave.	765-254-5356
Alexandria	101 N. Harrison St.	765-442-0570
Anderson	1547 Ohio Ave.	765-641-7499
Anderson	2010 Brentwood Dr.	765-393-0063
Bluffton	303 S. Main St.	260-919-3452
Connersville	707 W. 3rd St.	765-827-1164
Fort Wayne	4646 W. Jefferson Blvd.	260-436-0932
Indianapolis	4755 Kingsway Dr., Ste 105	317-803-2270
Kokomo	424 E. Southway Blvd.	765-865-8914
Lafayette	1500 Salem St.	765-250-9212
Marion	323 E. 2nd St.	765-573-5567
Michigan City	422 Franklin St., Ste F	219-688-1455
Mishawaka	1818 Went Ave.	574-254-0229
New Castle	930 N. 14th St.	765-521-2450
Portland	931 W. Water St.	260-726-9348
Richmond	520 S. 9th St.	765-935-5390
Richmond	2300 Chester Blvd.	765-983-2220
Rushville	509 Conrad Harcourt Way	765-932-3699
Winchester	730 W. Washington St.	765-584-7820

SPECIALTY CENTERS:

Meridian Addictions & Recovery Center

Richmond
498 N.W. 18th St., Bldg 417
765-373-8704

West Lafayette
2900 N. River Rd.
765-337-8855

Lafayette Home with Hope
1119 Ferry St.
765-807-0009

Women’s Recovery Home Muncie
1101 N. Wheeling Ave.
866-306-2647

Lafayette
920 N. 11th St.
765-742-3246

Suzanne Gresham Center Children & Family Programs
Muncie
3620 W. White River Blvd.
765-288-1928

Meridian School Clinic Muncie
Southside Middle School
1601 E. 26th St.
866-306-2647

Anderson Compass Alternative School
2010 Brentwood Dr.
765-393-0063

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Women’s Health

Anderson
1547 Ohio Ave.
765-641-7499

Muncie
100 N. Tillotson Ave.
765-286-2000

Meridian Health Pediatrics Anderson
1547 Ohio Ave.
765-641-7499

Bluffton
303 S. Main St.
260-888-2102

Muncie
205 N. Tillotson Ave.
765-291-5437

Meridian Dental Anderson
1547 Ohio Ave.
765-641-7499

Elwood
1518 Main St.
765-552-3488

Muncie
110 N. Tillotson Ave.
866-306-2647

Richmond
520 S. 9th St.
765-935-5390

MeridianMD Anderson
1547 Ohio Ave.
765-641-7499

Bluffton Internal Medicine
303 S. Main St.
260-888-2101

Connersville
707 W. 3rd St.
765-827-1164

Dunkirk
1150 S. Main St.
765-768-3188

Muncie
100 N. Tillotson Ave.
765-288-8770

New Castle
930 N. 14th St.
765-521-2450

Portland Convenience Care
500 W. Votaw St.
260-726-4350

Richmond - Adults
2300 Chester Blvd.
765-939-2395

Richmond
520 S. 9th St.
765-935-5390

Richmond Convenience Care
520 S. 9th St.
765-935-5390

Rushville
509 Conrad Harcourt Way
765-932-3699



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THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE



Physical. Mental. Social Well-Being.

What is foster parenting?

- Foster parents provide a temporary home for a child when the parents or guardians cannot provide the child's essential safety and well-being.
- Foster parents are part of a team working to safely reunite the child with the family or establish a permanent relationship with nurturing guardians.
- Foster parents share their home, time, care, and hearts with a child who needs patience, understanding, comfort and love.
- Foster parents serve as role models and demonstrate good parenting skills for the child's family.

What is FosterHope?

FosterHope is a therapeutic foster care program developed and managed by Meridian.

Indiana children involved with FosterHope have some difficulty adjusting to their environment and may have behavioral or mental health issues. FosterHope parents offer special care and support for the child and provide the connection to community health services.

FosterHope accepts transfers of licensed foster parents from other agencies.



Who can become a foster parent?

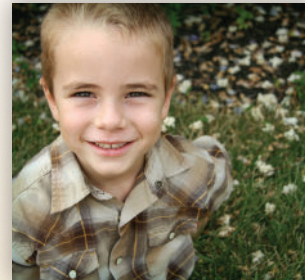
- At least 21 years old
- Any race, ethnicity, religion or gender
- Couples or singles
- Home owners or renters
- Any education level
- Parents of young children, school-age children or grown children
- Adults that have never been a parent before



Would I be a good foster parent?

Consider these qualities of a good FosterHope parent:

- Ability to provide a safe environment where trust and confidence can grow
- Can mentor biological families who have abused or neglected a child
- Flexible
- Functions well as part of a team
- Non-judgmental
- Willingness to learn to care for children with special needs



FosterHope carefully screens and trains all applicants to ensure that a child will have a safe and nurturing environment.

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Call 866-590-8220
to learn more about becoming a
FosterHope parent.

How do I become a FosterHope parent?

- Call **866-590-8220** to receive more information
- Attend an orientation meeting to learn more about foster parenting
- Complete the following requirements to become screened, trained, and licensed:
 - Criminal background check
 - 20-30 hours of training
 - Physical and/or psychological evaluation
 - Home inspection to ensure that the environment can support a foster child
 - Home study assessment
 - Interview process with licensing specialist

Financial support

- Medicaid pays for the child's medical, dental, vision and counseling expenses
- FosterHope parents receive
 - A monthly per diem for room, board and some other expenses
 - Free initial and annual training, including CPR and first aid
 - Access to behavioral support, crisis intervention and emergency respite 24/7/365
 - Mileage reimbursements for child transportation to certain destinations

