



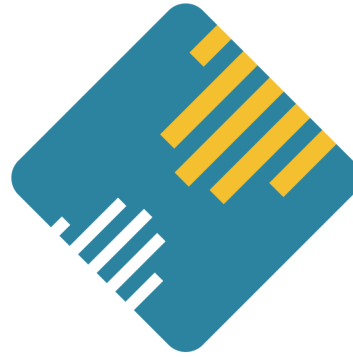
**Children in foster care are hoping and waiting for that special champion.. Could it be you?**

We all need someone who inspires us to dream big, who encourages us to work harder, who believes we have a bright future!

Questions?

Visit the Foster Parent FAQ at [www.gateway-longview.org](http://www.gateway-longview.org)

Or, talk with our team of on-staff Foster Parents today! 716.783.2909



**Mission**

*Working together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family we serve*

**About Our Agency**

Gateway Longview cares for nearly 5,000 children and families annually from across Western & Central New York through behavioral health, community-based services, residential treatment and special education programs.

Since 1890, our programs and services have evolved to meet the ever changing needs of our community. Yet, our focus of inspiring a community where all children feel loved, safe, valued and capable of great achievements remains steadfast. Motivated by our foundation of Christian principles, in everything we do, we will demonstrate integrity, safety, empowerment, diversity and collaboration.

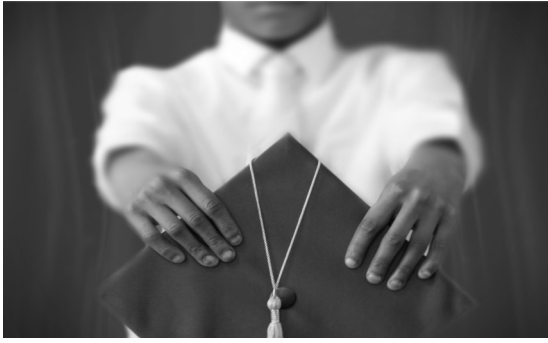


**Foster Care & Adoption Services**

*Families that reflect the diversity of our community are needed today!*



**Gateway Longview**  
*protect • enrich • give hope*



## Protect a Future Full Of Possibilities

### What is foster care ?

Any number of challenges at home can create health or safety concerns for children. A family court judge often decides it's in the best interest of a child to be removed from their home until parents or guardians get the assistance they need.

Engaging the family unit, our goal is for children to return home with their birth parents whenever possible.

But, in some cases, a child is unable to return home, and becomes freed for adoption.

## Nearly 1,000 children in Erie County alone are in need of Foster Care.

Our agency works with Erie County to match children in care with safe, nurturing foster home environments where they are set up to thrive.



## Open Your Heart To Enrich Lives Top 10 Qualities of Successful Foster & Adoptive Parents

1. You love children and have a good sense of humor
2. You celebrate small victories
3. You have a desire to learn, attend trainings and welcome feedback
4. You are flexible and open-minded
5. You are organized and open to completing (and submitting!) paperwork
6. You like being part of a team
7. You keep commitments and see things through
8. You have the ability to empathize
9. You recognize stress & have healthy ways to manage
10. You are surrounded by people who support your interest in foster care adoption



## Solution Focused and Trauma Informed

Our top priority is safety, as well as the social, mental and emotional well-being of youth and families in care. Staff at all levels recognize that each child and family has unique skills and experiences that make them who they are. Our work builds upon individual strengths, creating partnerships that foster hope for the future. In working together, we engage in collaboration, empowerment and choice. We work *with* families, as they are the true experts for their distinct situations and goals.

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