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MYTH #1

I won't be considered as a foster carer because of my age.

FACT

As long as you're 21, there's no age limit to being a foster carer.

MYTH #2

I need qualifications or experience to be a good foster carer.

FACT

You don't need specific qualifications to foster but you do need to have some relevant childcare experience. We do ask that you are fluent speaking, reading, and writing in English. But fear not, our amazing fostering team are available 24/7 to provide you with support.

MYTH #3

I can't foster, I'm not married or in a relationship.

FACT

You don't have to be married or in a relationship! You can be single, living together, in a civil partnership or divorced.

MYTH #4

I don't own anything 'flash', so can't be a foster carer.

FACT

You only need to provide love and support. The materialistic things aren't what our children or our fostering team are looking for! We review foster carer cases on an individual basis and all we ask is that you can provide a loving and safe environment for one of our children.

MYTH #5

I can't foster because I already have a job.

FACT

You can work and still foster a child. There are several different ways you can foster, allowing for flexibility around your lifestyle. Chat with us about your situation.

MYTH #6

I can't afford to foster.

FACT

We completely understand that people foster to make a difference, however we all have bills to pay! Leicestershire County Council provide generous allowances to foster carers to help cover the costs of taking in a child. See our 'Fostering Allowances' pdf.

MYTH #7

I already have children.

FACT

Many carers have their own children – we carefully match a child to your household. Having your own children can also give you valuable childcare experience that could be useful when a child is placed with you.

MYTH #8

The LGBTQ+ community can't foster

FACT

This could not be further from the truth! There are a lot of successful LGBTQ+ foster carer stories. It's not just possible for the LGBTQ+ community to foster, it's greatly encouraged.

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