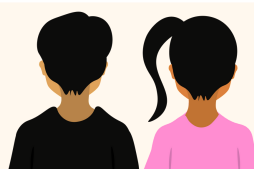


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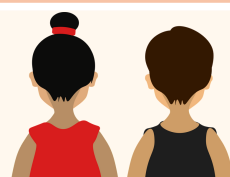


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Who Are The Children In Foster Care?



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Who Can Be Foster Parents?

Applicants must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- Be married and apply together as a couple
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- At least 25 years old
- Have a minimum monthly household income of S\$2,000 and Per Capita Income of at least \$700 (Retirees can apply to be assessed based on non-work sources of income and savings)
- Be a resident of Singapore
- Be medically fit to care for children
- Have at least a secondary school education
- Preferably have experience in caring for children



What Are The Support For Foster Parents?

Foster Care Workers will work closely with foster parents to provide guidance and support. MSF also provides training and a 24-hour hotline for foster parents to call in case of emergencies.

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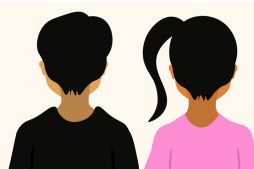
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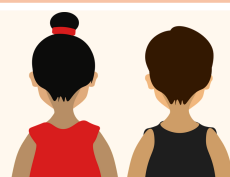


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