

STEP BY STEP'S GUIDE TO BECOMING A HOST OR FOSTER CARER



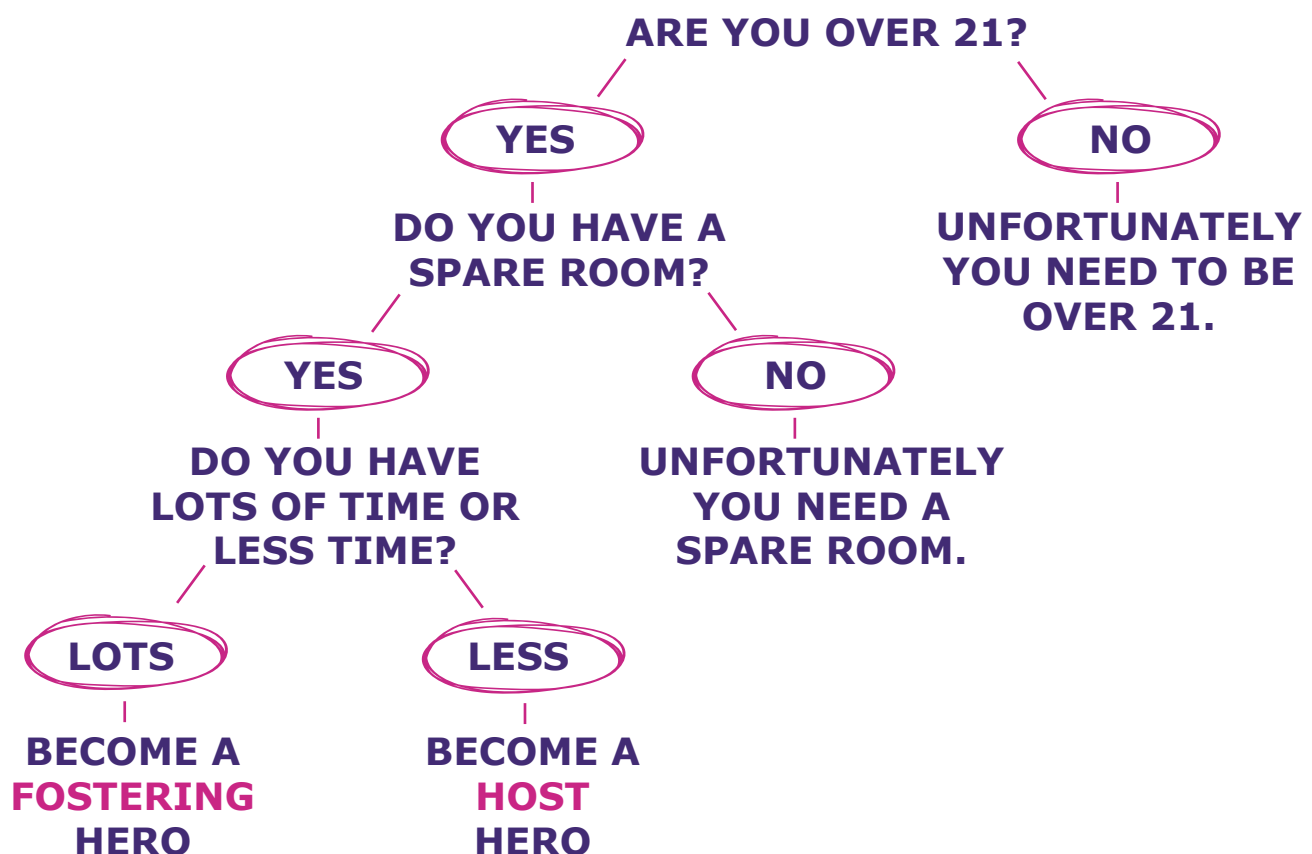
FIND OUT:

- The difference between Fostering and Supported Lodgings
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- How to get started

WHY FOSTER OR BECOME A HOST?

Every young person has the potential to be the hero in their own story, but heroes need support; like Batman had Alfred, Superman the Kents, and Paddington Bear the Browns. By opening your home and heart, you can help a young hero overcome adversity and reach their potential.

FOSTERING vs SUPPORTED LODGINGS WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



FAQs

Can I still work?

Yes. You can work and foster but it's important to remember that it is a busy role and your lifestyle must be flexible enough to fit around looking after a foster child. If you have a less flexible lifestyle but would still like to support a young person you may be better suited to being a Supported Lodgings host.

How much will I be paid?

There is no set fee when it comes to fostering. The amount of money you receive depends on a range of factors including how many children you foster and the needs of the child/young person in your care. We pay anywhere between £380 to £585 per week depending on the placement type.

When it comes to Supported Lodgings there is also no set fee. Hosts receive payments starting from £140 a week, depending on location.

Do I need previous experience working with children?

While this would be helpful, it is not essential. We are there to help you and will provide you with the training and support needed to prepare you for your fostering or hosting journey.

How much say would I have in the choice of child?

In both fostering and Supported Lodgings there is a matching process for placing children/young people. We carefully and sensitively match young people with foster carers and hosts, and both you and the young person will have a choice as to whether you wish to be matched with each other.

How will I be supported?

In either role you will be welcomed into a like-minded support network, provided with a generous allowance and ongoing training, advice and guidance from experienced staff.

GET STARTED TODAY BY...

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