



*The Foster Parent Program was added to Sally Kate Winters Family Services comprehensive array of services in February 2008.*

*This program is:*

**Licensed by the Mississippi Department of Human Services**

**Funded by special grants**

**Funded by community contributions**

**Licensed Clinical Social Worker on staff**

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact our office at 662-494-4867 or visit our website, [www.sallykatewinters.org](http://www.sallykatewinters.org).



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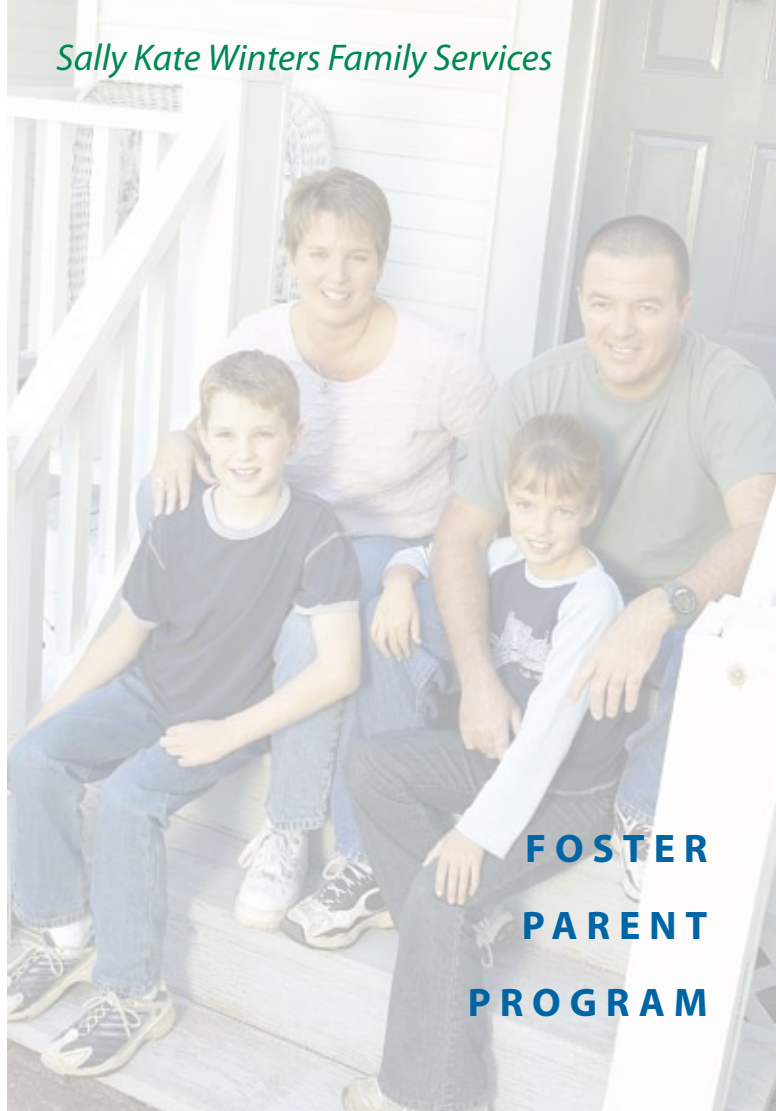
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**FOSTER  
PARENT  
PROGRAM**

***There are children, right here in Mississippi, who need foster parents. Just like all kids, these children have strengths and weaknesses, worries and needs. A safe, stable and loving home, is exactly what these children deserve.***

## WHAT IS FOSTER PARENTING?

Foster parenting is assuming the responsibility to provide a foster child with a nurturing, substitute family life experience in which the needs for protection, education, physical and emotional care can be met.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Sally Kate Winters Family Services offers a foster parent program that supports a continuum of care for children within the foster care system. Foster families are recruited from within the area and undergo an extensive interview and screening process to determine eligibility. Children are placed in foster homes based on the foster family dynamics and personality/needs of the child to ensure a successful placement.

Foster families receive training, supervision, and family support services from the Sally Kate Winters Family Services social work staff to ensure a positive transition for the child into their home and existing family. The following on-going family support services are offered to the foster family as a means of promoting permanency and long-term care for the child:

- A staff member is available twenty-four hours a day to assist the child and family during crisis situations and to offer emotional support.
- Case management services are available for the child including referrals for medical, dental, and psychological services.
- Training to help parents understand the unique needs of foster children and how to best meet them.
- Professional staff is available to the family to provide consultation, supervision, training, and support.
- Collaborative treatment planning is individualized, strengths-based, family-focused, and culturally sensitive.
- Overnight respite services are available to allow the foster parents time to "recharge".

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Sally Kate Winters Family Services recruits families who have the desire, time, and endurance to make a lasting positive contribution in the life of a child. The program provides resources and training services to help you meet the requirements of becoming a licensed foster parent. Once licensed, a careful process is used to help match a child with your family. You can apply to be a Foster parent with Sally Kate Winters Family Services if you are:

- At least 27 years of age
- Single or married
- In good mental, emotional, and physical health
- A high school graduate or have a GED
- Financially stable (able to meet own family needs)
- Able to accommodate children with adequate living space
- Able to pass state and federal criminal screenings
- Open to new or different concepts in child development and behavior management
- Willing to participate with home study process
- Able to complete pre-service training

