

## Can you become a foster

To become a foster parent you have to comply with certain requirements. The most important requirements are:

- ⊗ **Minimum age of 24 years.**
- ⊗ **A certificate of good behavior: this involves a judicial antecedents research of the applicant in question and partner in question.**
- ⊗ **Medical certificate: some level of physical and mental health is required to be able to give adequate care to a child.**
- ⊗ **Participation in the preparation programs: to prepare your task as a foster parent(s).**
- ⊗ **Stable home situation: placement of a child changes a lot . If the attention of the parents is taken up by drastic events, it is not advisable to take in a child. If the situation is temporary, you could start participating in the preparation programs.**
- ⊗ **Stable financial situation: among other things, a fixed income, enough to take adequate care of your family and the foster child.**
- ⊗ **Willing to maintain a close working relationship with the S.J.I.B./Family Guardianship.**

For more information, please contact the Coordinator of the Family Guardianship, Ms. M. Concincion at # 542-3449 or visit the office of the S.J.I.B. / Family Guardianship at the A.T.H. Illidge Road #117, FX Building, Unit C, Madame Estate.



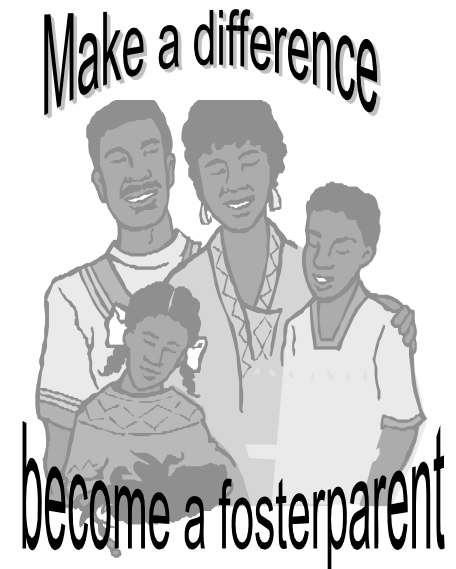
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## HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

*Do you care enough to help a  
child in distress ♥*

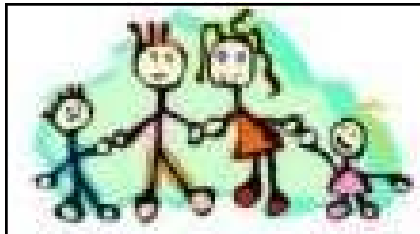


**SIGN UP AT THE FAMILY GUARDIANSHIP AT  
# 542-3449**

## Sign-up Form

# Foster care

According to the Convention of the Rights of Children, every child has the right to a family, care and a proper upbringing. But too many times, children are separated from their parents for one reason or another. Sometimes this separation is necessary because competent authorities to judicial review determine, in accordance with applicable law and procedures, that such separation is necessary for the best interest of the child. However, a child temporarily or permanently deprived of his or her family environment, shall be entitled to special protection and assistance provided by the State.



In St. Maarten there are a lot of children who need special care, attention and love from persons who are willing to make a difference. In the light of the above, The Foundation Judiciary Institutes Windward Islands (F.J.I.W.I.) / Stichting Justitiele Inrichtingen Bovenwinden (S.J.I.B.), is presently looking for:

### Foster parents:

- ♥ General foster parents: these are defined as persons with or without children, who wish to allocate their home to a child for an indefinite period.
- ♥ Day foster parents: when parents can not adequately raise their child, day foster care can work complementary. The child is placed in a foster home for a few days in the week. When the situation at home has stabilized, the day foster care ends.
- ♥ Therapeutic foster parents: this concerns persons who can assist a child with its psycho-social problems. From these persons an intensive cooperation with experts is expected.



♥ Weekend / vacation foster parents: some children in institutes have little contact with their family. For these children it's important to have contact with a family. These persons take care of the children during the weekend or vacation.

**Are you willing to open your heart and home for a child in distress?**

♥ Guest- and emergency foster parents: it concerns persons immediately available and awaiting a final decision on the child to be placed.

- ♥ Boarding foster parents: the accent lies on the care-taking aspect. It especially concerns children of 17–21 years of age) who are somehow considered independent. Placement is temporarily. Contact with the natural parents remains. Placement is more of a business nature. Since neither a father nor a mother are sought, young families can often provide a solution.
- ♥ Mental foster parents: these may be single parents and / or families who cannot have a child at home, but who are prepared to financially assist a child placed elsewhere. This may be on a monthly or annual basis.

I want to sign up for:

- General foster parent
- Day foster parent
- Therapeutic foster parent
- Weekend / vacation foster parent
- Guest / emergency foster parent
- Boarding foster parent
- Mental foster parent

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What is your motivation to become a foster parent?

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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