



WHAT IS FOSTER HOPE?

FosterHope is a therapeutic foster care program developed and managed by Meridian Health. The program works to bring hope and support to Indiana's children in need of emotional, behavioral, or mental health assistance. FosterHope connects children with Meridian's dedicated network of trained foster parents, committed to meeting their unique needs.

WHAT IS FOSTER PARENTING?

Foster parents provide a temporary home for a child when the parents or guardians cannot provide the child's essential safety and well-being. They share their home, time, care, and hearts with a child who needs patience, understanding, comfort, and love.

Foster parents are part of a team working to safely reunite the child with family or establish a permanent relationship with nurturing guardians. Furthermore, foster parents serve as role models and demonstrate good parenting skills for the child's family.



WHO CAN BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

FosterHope values diversity, welcoming foster and adoptive parents from all backgrounds including:

- People 21 and over
- Any race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation
- Couples or singles
- Home owners or renters
- Parents of young, school age, or grown children
- Any education level
- Adults that have never been a parent before



WOULD I BE A GOOD FOSTER PARENT?

Consider these qualities of a good FosterHope parent:

- Ability to provide a safe environment where trust and confidence can grow
- Can mentor biological families who have abused or neglected a child
- Flexible
- Functions well as part of a team
- Non-judgmental
- Willingness to learn to care for children with special needs



FosterHope carefully screens and trains all applicants to ensure that a child will have a safe and nurturing environment.

FosterHope accepts transfers of licensed foster parents from other agencies.

HOW DO I BECOME A FOSTER HOPE PARENT?

- Call 866-590-8220 to receive more information
- Visit MeridianHS.org/Social/FosterHope-Program
- Attend an orientation meeting to learn more about foster parenting
- Complete the following requirements to become screened, trained, and licensed:
 - Criminal background check
 - 20-30 hours of training
 - Physical and/or psychological evaluation
 - Home inspection to ensure that the environment can support a foster child
 - Home study assessment
 - Interview process with licensing specialist

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Medicaid pays for the child's medical, dental, vision and counseling expenses. FosterHope parents receive:

- A monthly per diem for room, board, and some other expenses
- Free initial and annual training, including CPR and first aid
- Access to behavioral support, crisis intervention and emergency respite 24/7/365
- Mileage reimbursements for child transportation to certain destinations



FOSTERHOPE

Therapeutic Foster Care

Indiana is facing a critical situation with over 8,000 children living in foster care and more than 11,000 reported cases of child abuse and neglect as of July 2023. FosterHope is actively seeking compassionate individuals to become foster parents and provide the care these vulnerable children deserve.

FosterHope is available to residents of Indiana.

Learn more:

2300 Chester Blvd., Richmond, IN 47374

866-590-8220

MeridianHS.org/Social/FosterHope-Program



FosterHope is a proud partner of Every Child Indiana - a collaboration of more than 30 organizations of all sizes with one goal: to uplift children and families impacted by foster care.

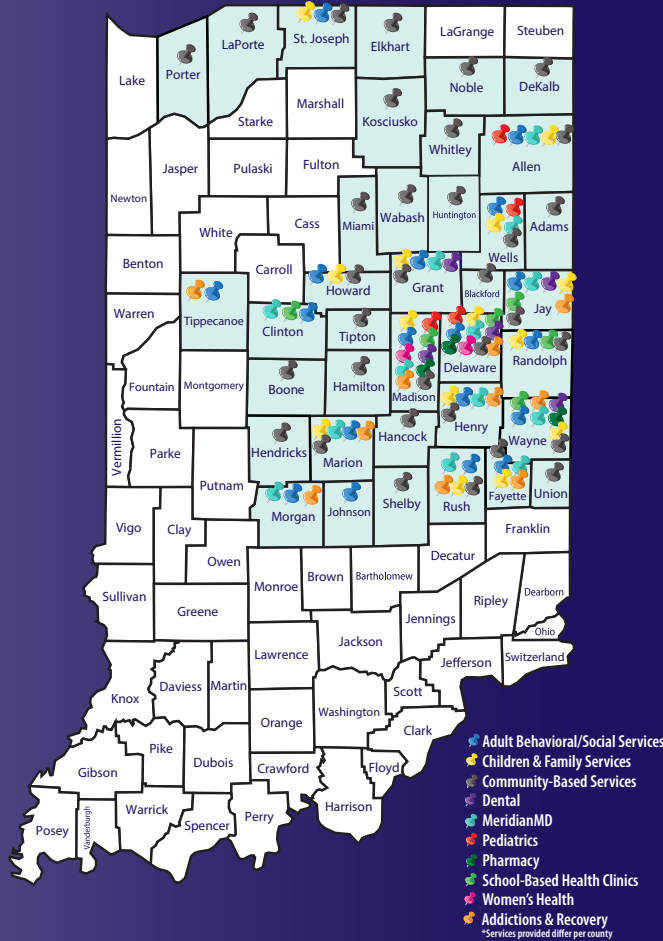


MERIDIAN

HEALTH Services

Physical. Mental. Social Well-Being.

Meridian Health Services is a regional, progressive health care organization specializing in “whole-person” health integrating physical, mental, and social well-being. The focus on a broader spectrum of health offers a well-rounded approach for happier, healthier patients.



Located in over 50 facilities across Indiana!

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