

# GOSHEN HOMES

## Fostering Guide



*Learn what it's like to foster with Goshen Homes*

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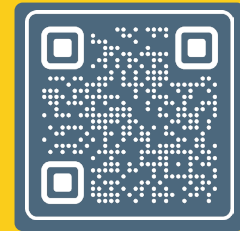
# SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE SHOULDN'T BE SEPERATED.

We recruit, train, license, and support foster families working with siblings groups within the state of Georgia.

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## Real Stories from GOSHEN FOSTER FAMILIES



### Story of Reunification

A brave mom and her daughter, Jackie, share their emotional journey through foster care and the path that led them back to each other – with the support of a loving Goshen foster mom.

# FOUR STEPS TO FOSTERING

## PRIMARY

Our primary foster parents become full-time caretakers to the foster youth placed in their care. As a licensed sibling reunification agency, Goshen Homes focuses on foster homes able to take in 2 or more youth.

## RESPIRE

As a respite foster parent, you are able to have an incredible impact on foster children without the full-time commitment of having them live in your home. Respite care allows our foster parents to take a breather and recharge by providing care for things like date nights and vacations.



### 1 INITIAL CONVERSATION

The fostering process begins with a simple virtual call or meeting with a Goshen staff member. This conversation provides an opportunity to ask initial questions and become familiar with the team that will provide support throughout the journey.

### 2 FOSTER PARENT TRAINING

Foster parent training provides the tools and knowledge needed for fostering. Each session includes collaboration with other prospective foster families, helping participants feel prepared to begin fostering with Goshen Homes.

### 3 LICENSING STAGE

During the licensing stage, Goshen Homes ensures each home and family is fully prepared for the responsibilities of fostering. Staff guide families through required paperwork and home preparations to complete licensing.

### 4 PLACEMENT & ONGOING SUPPORT

Once paperwork is submitted, training is completed, and the home is licensed, fostering can begin. Goshen Homes continues to provide ongoing training and access to staff support throughout the fostering experience.

# HOW WILL GOSHEN SUPPORT ME

## during my fostering journey?

### RESPITE

Respite care allows our foster parents to take a breather and recharge by providing care for things like date nights and vacation.

### 24/7 CRISIS LINE

On-call support from our staff ensures that someone is always available to help in times of need.

### HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

Goshen Homes has a licensed physician's assistant available to complete children's routine medicals, immunizations, and urgent care needs.

### FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT

Financial reimbursement for babysitting, holiday and birthday supplements, and extra curricular activities for foster children.

### COUNSELING & THERAPY

Reimbursement for foster parents to personally participate in up to 6 therapy sessions per year.



## FURTHER TRAINING

How will I be equipped to foster?

### Trust-Based Relational Intervention

At Goshen Homes, our staff and foster parents are trained in TBRI®.



**“When you connect to the heart of a child, everything is possible.”**

- Dr. Karyn Purvis

TBRI® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

While a variety of parenting strategies may be successful in typical circumstance, children with histories of trauma need caregiving that meets their unique needs and addresses the whole child. TBRI® will equip you with the tools you need to provide trauma-informed care to the foster kids in your home.

# FAQs

## What's different about fostering with Goshen?

Goshen Homes foster parents get licensed quicker, receive more support from case managers with smaller case sizes, and receive the best training possible to equip them to create great outcomes for the youth in their homes!

## How much room do I need to foster?

Foster youth of the same gender can share a bedroom, so as long as you have one open bedroom you can foster with Goshen.

## How many kids would I have to foster with Goshen?

75% of siblings get separated during their time in foster care, and part of our mission is to help siblings stay together. Because of this, all Goshen Homes foster parents commit to care for 2 or more children.

## Can I foster if I am renting a house or apartment?

Yes! Home ownership is not a requirement for fostering with Goshen.

## What counties do you work with?

Goshen licenses foster homes located in Cherokee, Cobb, Bartow, Paulding, and Pickens Counties.

## What is respite foster care?

A respite foster parent gets fully licensed to foster, but rather than having children placed in their home full-time, they serve as a temporary placement. This scheduling is done at the availability of the respite parent and often consists of date nights for the primary foster parent, emergency coverage, or special events.

## Can single people foster?

Yes, we have several foster and respite parents who are single.

## Essential Insights for Aspiring Foster Parents

From licensing and training to daily life and support, we walk you through what it really looks like to open your home and heart to a child in need.



# So, HOW DO I START?



Email [foster@goshenvally.org](mailto:foster@goshenvally.org) to schedule an info session today.  
You can change the world for siblings in foster care with Goshen Homes.

## MEET THE ARGOS

“Goshen truly wraps its arms around us as foster parents. The support, encouragement, prayer, and community Goshen builds around us as foster parents is remarkable. We are forever grateful to Goshen for helping to make us the very best versions of ourselves so we can give our best to these kiddos and their families.”

- Courtney and Chris Argo  
Goshen Homes Foster Parents

“My husband and I completed the foster care training with Goshen Homes. We felt comfortable and supported during the entire training and would look forward to every class. It was like having someone hold your hand through the entire process. If you are thinking about fostering, this is where you need to look.”

- April K., Goshen Homes Foster Parent



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