

Myths & Facts

About Teenagers In Care



On any given day, there are approximately 10,200 children and youth in foster care in Florida. Brevard Family Partnership cares for an average of 275 children in foster care and of those, 35% are teenagers.

As teens are highly represented within the foster care system, families who are interested and able to parent teens are one of our greatest assets; they make it possible for youth to keep ties to family and friends, and remain in their local community and school.

Youth in your community need your help! Your support, guidance and care can have a lifelong impact. Would you consider fostering a teen?



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Partnership**

Protecting Children, Strengthening Families, Changing Lives.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER FOSTERING A TEEN?

Myth *Teens are too old to need a family. They will be out on their own soon enough.*

Only 5-10 percent of 18 year olds nationwide are prepared to live independently and most rely on family support for years after. Foster care helps prepare teens for adulthood through mentorship, skill-building, life lessons, and stability. Simply because an individual turns 18, does not mean that they are prepared for the adult world or that they do not need family ties, especially those who have suffered trauma and loss.

Myth *Teens don't want a family.*

Teens in foster care are just like anyone else. They want a place to belong. Teens may express fears about their identity, biological families, or established relationships when discussing foster care, but this can be overcome with the guidance, support, and involvement of the foster family.

Myth *Teens placed in foster care are there because of their own problems and behavior.*

Most teenagers are placed in foster care because their caregiver could not adequately provide for their safety and well-being, not as a result of anything they have done. Though each teen in foster care faces a number of challenges, each also has their own set of strengths and exhibit amazing resiliency and potential.



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