

The Fostering Network is the UK's leading charity for everyone involved in fostering. We are dedicated to making foster care better for every fostered child and every foster family, and we work with foster carers, fostering services and governments across the UK to help make this happen.



## Foster carer recruitment, training and assessment

With the number of children coming into care continuing to rise, and the vast majority of these children living with foster families, it's no surprise that more than 9,000 new foster families are needed in 2013 alone.

The Fostering Network provides expert advice and resources to help fostering services recruit these foster carers. Our annual *Foster Care Fortnight*<sup>™</sup> campaign is the UK's biggest for raising awareness of fostering. The campaign, endorsed by celebrities and politicians, generates UK-wide media coverage, providing a platform for fostering services to raise the profile of fostering in their local area.

We also provide resources to train and assess foster carers to the highest possible standard. *The Skills to Foster* is the UK's leading pre-approval training course for prospective foster carers, and our assessment materials allow fostering services to assess potential foster carers on the basis of their skills, knowledge and experiences.



## Support for foster carers and fostering services

Through our **membership**, we provide vital support, advice and information to help foster carers and fostering service staff deal with the challenges they encounter in their day to day roles. Our membership benefits include:

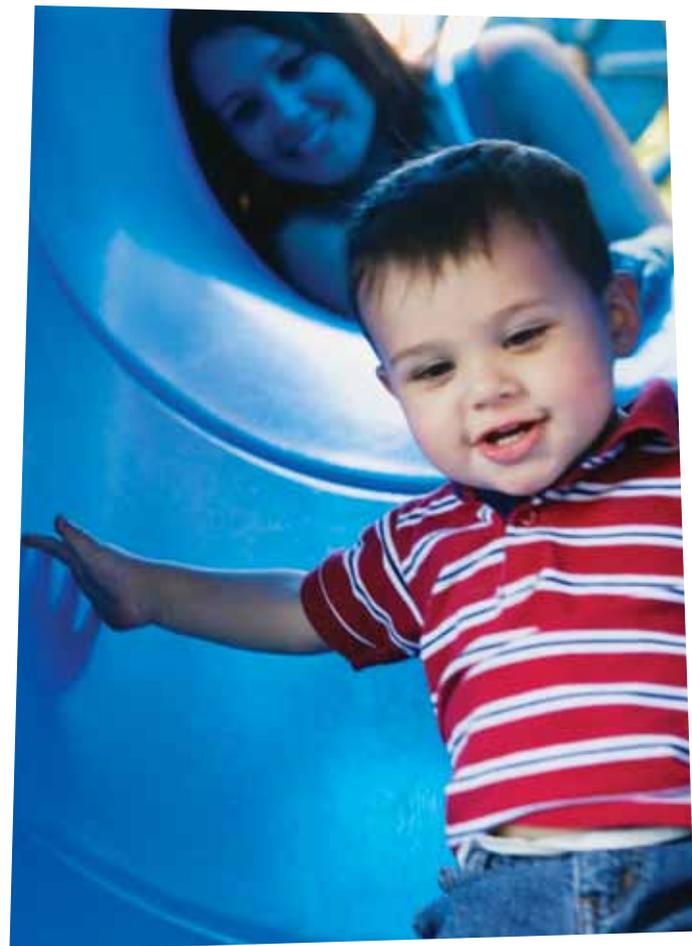
- the latest **information** about fostering through our website, e-newsletters, and *Foster Care* magazine
- expert **advice and support** on fostering issues, including legal protection insurance for foster carers
- **connections** to the UK's fostering community through our online community
- **influence** at national level on the issues that matter
- a variety of exclusive **discounts** for foster carers, from days out to home insurance.

## The voice of foster care

Thanks to our membership of over **57,000 foster carers** and over **375 fostering services**, we are uniquely placed to represent the views and concerns of all those involved in foster care.

This also means we are in a strong position to **influence** the ways in which foster care can develop, change and improve in order to meet the needs of children and young people in care.

Through all our work we also strive to ensure that fostering remains high on the political agenda and in the media spotlight.



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