

## Enhanced Supports for an Enhanced Opportunity

In addition to the supports available to traditional Foster Caregivers, Enhanced Foster Caregivers receive a higher per diem and access to specialized training opportunities that recognize the scope, level of involvement and expertise required to support children and youth with complex needs. This includes but is not limited to:

- Up to \$200/per day or \$225/per day diem for applicants residing in Toronto
- Assistance from our Foster Care Department
- Training focused on becoming a Foster Caregiver and child development
- Foster Parent Association membership to connect and learn from and with fellow Foster Parents
- Specialized training to support caring for children and youth with high needs

### Let's connect

Whether you're interested in learning more, have questions or are ready to begin the application process, use this QR code or reach out to us using the contact information below.



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# Enhanced Foster Caregiver Opportunity

Bringing together professionals and community members with the education, experience and expertise needed to support children and youth in care with complex needs.

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## About the Enhanced Foster Caregiver Opportunity

The Enhanced Foster Caregiver Opportunity is designed for professionals and community members who can apply their education and expertise to care for children and youth in care with complex needs.

Working in partnership with a dedicated service team, each Enhanced Foster Caregiver provides one child or youth with ongoing supervision and support within the Caregiver's own home. This includes high-intensity caregiving such as frequent appointments, crisis response and care coordination.

Drawing on their experience supporting complex behavioural, medical or developmental needs, Enhanced Foster Caregivers serve as advocates, work closely with clinical professionals, and participate as key members of a child or youth's support network and care planning.

“When experienced caregivers and professionals open their homes, they create stability, safety and opportunity for better outcomes for children and youth with complex needs. That expertise makes a meaningful difference.” Mary Auld, Director, Resources for Children and Youth, CAST

## Becoming an Enhanced Foster Caregiver

This opportunity is intended for individuals with relevant education, professional training or lived experience. Enhanced Foster Caregivers may have backgrounds in child and youth care, social work, developmental services, mental health or related fields, and are comfortable working collaboratively within structured care and support plans.

To become an Enhanced Foster Caregiver, you must:

- Bring relevant education, professional training and/or demonstrated experience supporting children or youth with complex needs
- Have experience working within individualized or structured care plans
- Complete the foster care approval and training process in Ontario, including SAFE and PRIDE trainings
- Participate in home visits, background checks, references and medical clearances
- All members in home must complete background checks
- Be able to provide a safe, stable and supportive home environment

Our team is available to speak with you about more specific requirements and how your experience can benefit young people in care.