

# COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



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# Myths about fostering: .....

**Myth:** *'We can't foster because we don't own our house' or 'We can't foster because we live in States Housing'.*

**Fact:** Just because you don't own your house doesn't mean you couldn't make an excellent foster carer. What you must have, however, is sufficient bedroom space to accommodate a child.

**Myth:** *'I can't foster because I am not married'.*

**Fact:** Applicants may be single, in a partnership or married, with or without children of their own. Applicants may be widows, widowers or be retired.

**Myth:** *'I am too old'.*

**Fact:** We would like foster carers to be mature adults, which can include older and younger applicants. More important, is whether you are fit and healthy.

**Myth:** *'I can't foster because I'm not Jersey born'.*

**Fact:** We need, people to come forward from diverse cultural backgrounds, including black, Portuguese or Polish families.

## DID YOU KNOW? .....

- An average of 80 children/young people were 'in care' in Jersey at any one time during 2009/2010.
- An average of 30 of these children/young people were supported by 35 Foster Carers in their own homes –

***But we need more!!***

**We would like people to come forward who can show commitment and wish to share their family life with a child either for short periods or permanently. We don't expect people who come forward to know everything. If you have the potential, then we will help you to develop your skills through preparation and training.**

*think about fostering*  
**NOW**

*Please pick up the phone and find out more –  
it might be the most important call you ever make.*

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