

The Comprehensive Foster Care Program offers the following services to Foster Parents:

- Statewide Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP)
- Professional in-house training
- Flexible training options
- Paid respite (5 days per year)
- 24-hour clinical staff support services
- Crisis intervention and disruption Prevention
- Monthly support group
- Family reunification work
- Referral bonus
- Educational advocacy for youth in placement
- Coordination of clinical/medical/recreational referrals

Roxbury Office

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Providing Comprehensive Foster Care within the City of Boston and Brockton

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Providing Comprehensive Foster Care in Lowell, Lynn, Haverhill, Lawrence, Salem, and Malden

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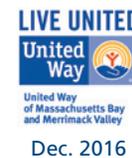
Providing Comprehensive Foster Care in Western Mass (Springfield, Holyoke, Greenfield) and Youth Permanency Connections for Individuals over 18 years old

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Comprehensive Foster Care



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History

Established in 1968, CSR began as an extension of services through the Boston Children's Services Association (Boston's oldest child welfare agency) and the Church Home Society in order to effectively handle the growing number of black children in need of foster homes and adoption. Meanwhile, other organized efforts across Massachusetts were forming in order to handle the plight of minority children in foster care and in 1972, United Homes For Children (UHFC) began as a network of foster homes located north and south of Boston. In 1974, Roxbury Children's Services became incorporated and independently operated. From 1975 to 1989 both Roxbury Children's Services and United Homes For Children continued to thrive and serve hundreds of children and families in both urban and suburban neighborhoods. In 1990, Roxbury Children's Services re-organized under its new name, Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) and in 2005, merged with United Homes For Children. Today, CSR is regarded as one of the largest, minority-operated, human services agency in Massachusetts, serving more than 6,000 people annually with 350 employees throughout offices located in Roxbury, Tewksbury, Worcester and Northampton.

Our Mission

CSR's mission is to strive to provide high quality services to economically disadvantaged children, youth, families, and individuals thereby promoting and strengthening family life and individual growth.

Core Values

We serve with *humility* and treat those we serve with *dignity* and *respect*. We act with *compassion* and *patience*, empathizing without judgement. We operate with *integrity*, knowing that the families we serve need us to be true to our word and we strive for *excellence* in everything we do.

What is Comprehensive Foster Care

Comprehensive Foster Care provides services and placements for children in the care of the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families (DCF) because their birth parents are unable to care for them. These children, aged between birth and 18 years, represent a wide range of racial and ethnic backgrounds and are faced with challenges that include emotional, behavioral, medical, or developmental disabilities. In addition, many of the children have a history of abuse and neglect. For many, the goal is reunification with the birth parent(s). CSR works in partnership with other agencies, school departments, therapists and medical staff to ensure that each child and foster parent is served by a comprehensive treatment team. Therefore, our foster families make every effort to encourage and support a child's participation in activities such as youth sports, after-school activities and the arts. Children who enter comprehensive foster care have typically been removed from their homes as the result of an emergency in the biological home or an unsuitable living situation in order to ensure the safety and security of the child. A total of 120 providers are currently supported by the agency, and an average of 60 to 70 children have been cared for in each of the last three years.

All CSR homes are fully licensed and in complete compliance with regulatory standard. All CSR staff and foster families have been trained and will receive regular follow-up training and coaching. CSR has an established record of successful recruitment and maintenance of diverse, multicultural foster families. Currently, CSR foster families are predominately African-American, and Hispanic/Latino who speak both English and Spanish. CSR foster families also represent diversity of many other kinds—for example, in age, education, personal history, spiritual and religious identification, vocational and recreational interests, family size and structure, community setting and home environment.

How to Become a Foster Parent

1. Contact your local CSR office
2. Pre-screening
3. Home Physical Standards assessment
4. MAPP Training
5. Permanency Planning & Policy Training
6. Home Study
7. Placement Process

