

# Become an Adult Foster Home Provider

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The adult foster home program started right here in Oregon, and it's a program that we're really proud of. My name is Lynette Caldwell, and I am the Adult Foster Home Program Manager with Aging and People with Disabilities in the Oregon Department of Human Services.

We are looking for people who might be interested in owning and operating an adult foster home. Individuals who are looking for a new path in life, looking to open their own business, work from home, give back to their community and earn a living while providing care to those who need it the most. The adult foster home program is essential because it offers a home-like environment so that older adults and adults with physical disabilities have a less restrictive model of care while also receiving the support they need. This is critical because these are individuals who have led rich, full lives and the fact that they suddenly need assistance with mobility, or with cooking meals during the day doesn't mean that they don't and shouldn't have the opportunity to make their own decisions.

Our foster home providers have barbeques and get together and take a lot of pride in not only providing care but providing culturally appropriate care which is a beautiful thing for those that we serve. One of the great things about the adult foster home program is the ability to have a work-life balance. You're able to take your kids to school if you need to or maybe you're a registered nurse working a graveyard shift at the hospital and want a different pace in life. What's great about the adult foster home program is you can select a level of licensure that fits your experience and your home. And the relationships that are built not only with the residents but with the families.

You can help individuals preserve their dignity, support their choice, while you also earn a living as an adult foster home provider. Please contact us today.

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