Could you enrich the lives of disabled children in Leeds

Make a positive difference

We need families who can provide: Short break stays - Foster care - Adoption

*Allowances and support will be provided

Visit our website at:
www.foster4leeds.co.uk
www.leeds.gov.uk/adopt4leeds
or phone: 0113 378 3536
We urgently need foster carers and adopters to make a real difference to the lives of disabled children and their families in Leeds

In Leeds we have a particular need for carers who can foster or adopt children with additional needs.

Leeds is the second largest local authority in England and has the fourth largest looked after children’s population. In our child friendly city we aspire that all children should be cared for in ordinary families and should not be placed in a residential setting because of their additional needs. We need more foster carers to help us fulfil this aspiration for the children of Leeds.

We are looking for people like you who have the motivation to offer some time to care for children with a wide range of additional needs including autism, learning disability, physical impairments and health needs.

We welcome enquiries from people from all backgrounds and circumstances; you may be single, married and of any gender, religion or sexuality.

We are seeking carers to foster children with additional needs. We already have over 60 children successfully placed with foster carers whose lives are enriched through this experience. Disabled children who are fostered have to deal with separation from familiar people and places that are important to them when their understanding may be limited.

They need all the sensitivity, warmth and care you can give and as much contact as possible with the people and places that are important to them. You can help to shape a positive future for them by offering them your loving care, parenting skills and the support they need for their growth and development.

Our children are often great fun to care for.

In the words of our carers:

“He’s like a treasure box and all the treasure keeps pouring out with his achievements. It’s a nice glow to know you’ve helped”.

“Fostering can be challenging and we have our ups and downs. But after a difficult day he smiles at me and I feel re-energised.”

“I’ve seen her grow from a timid little girl to a youngster who wants to try everything. Seeing her wobbling on those sticks fills me with pride. She’s such an important member of our family. We wouldn’t change a minute.”

Some of our children need adoptive placements and we welcome enquiries about adoption for children with additional needs.

You can find out more on our website: www.leeds.gov.uk/adopt4leeds.

We are also looking for carers with at least one weekend every 6 weeks to share with a child for a short break. Our short breaks carers offer a fun environment for the child; an opportunity to enjoy new experiences and activities, to build new relationships, be included in a new family, and increase their independence. The child and their family have a break with the parents feeling confident that their child is being well cared for. Our short breaks foster families often build strong supportive relationships with the families of the children they care for, and experience a real sense of making a positive difference. In the words of a parent:

“It is the one time I know I can go out with my husband and forget about any caring responsibilities. We just have an evening out together and it really makes a difference. We know she is safe and happy with Angela.”

We also support children and families with day care and are recruiting carers who can offer this.

Many of our carers have experienced having a disabled child in their family or have worked with disabled children as health workers, nurses, escorts, teaching assistants, teachers, volunteers. Whilst this is positive the most important thing is a willingness to learn, a flexible approach to parenting, an empathic and caring nature and a sense of humour.

We currently have a number of children waiting for the right family or carer for them. We are seeking carers for children with a wide range of special needs. We are very short of carers who have ground-floor accommodation for wheelchair users or houses which could be adapted for this. We are presently looking for 2 parents for a lively 12 year old boy who is a wheelchair user. We would welcome any interest in fostering this boy.

Contact Us:
Visit www.foster4leeds.co.uk or call our dedicated foster carer recruitment line on 0113 247 7443
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