

## Become a Partner in Fostering Success

**Why a teen?** Many who think about becoming Foster Families picture an infant or a young child. Often the message is that teens are going to age out of the system at 18 years of age and they don't need the support of a loving family. ***This is a huge myth.***

***Research by the Pew Foundation shows that today, "more than half of US youth between 18 and 24 years continue to live with their parents and rely on them for both material and emotional***

***Yet, we expect the most vulnerable of young adults who are in foster care to survive alone in the adult world. They need parents and families to succeed and thrive.***



## About Aunt Martha's

Aunt Martha's is a private, nonprofit agency offering coordinated health care and social services for people of all ages in communities across Illinois. We serve more than 50,000 children and adults each year.

**To learn more about our Foster Care programs, please call (708) 210-2447.**

**To schedule an appointment at one of our health centers, please call (877) 692-8686 / (877) MY-AUNT-M.**

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**We Know You Care.  
We Know You Can.**



**Consider Fostering  
a Teen**

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## Take a moment and think back to age 14, 16 and 18.

Were you ready to take on the world of college, work, financial aid, budgeting, finding an apartment, and making relationship decisions **ALL ON YOUR OWN**? Who did you turn to for support? If you answered parents, siblings, grandparents or mentors, then you understand the need for loving homes for teens.



Fostering a teen is as important to an older child as it is to a young one, and prepares a teen for adulthood through mentorship, household lessons and experiencing a family's stability. Fostering a teen allows you to share what YOU know, a benefit that can last a teen for a lifetime.

## 24/7/365 SUPPORT FOR TEENS AND THEIR FOSTER FAMILIES

### VIP Access to Our Integrated Care Model

Preferred appointment times.  
Fast-tracked visits.  
Support that's available 24/7.

### A team you can count on - whenever you call.

Physicians. Dentists. Psychiatrists.

Therapists. Social Workers.

Employment Counselors.

Housing Advocates.

Crisis Responders.

Care Coordinators.

You call.

We listen.

We respond.

### Our Foster Care Team

When you join Aunt Martha's foster care team, you become part of an organization that's consistently one of Illinois' best.

You'll work directly with a team of social workers who are experts in youth development and trauma-informed care.

### Aunt Martha's exceeds the State's performance expectations and ranks highly in the following quality and safety benchmarks:

- Permanent placements
- 30-day service plan completion
- Parent-child visits (weekly)
- Parent-child visits (monthly)
- Face-to-face support sessions:
  - Child and case worker (monthly)
  - Foster family and case worker
  - Natural parent(s) and case worker

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