



# September 2025

## FOSTER PARENT SHOUT OUT!

Stormy Johnson has been a foster parent with The Baby Fold since 2023. Throughout her time as a foster parent, Stormy has shown incredible love and patience for the children in her care. Stormy goes above and beyond to advocate for her foster children and ensures that they are happy and healthy and that they are developing into the best versions of themselves. The Baby Fold both recognizes and appreciates all that Stormy does for the agency and for her foster children.

### Implementation Plan Meeting: September 9<sup>th</sup>

Please join us at the Foster Parent Implementation Meeting! We will be discussing the Foster Parent Rights and Responsibilities 13-16. You have the option to join in person or to join online. A virtual meeting link will be shared the day before so you can join us online. In Person meeting details below:

#### Join In Person:

Date: Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Location: 1500 Fort Jesse Rd. | Normal, IL 61761

Time: 10:00am

Before the meeting, please take a moment to complete this quick survey to help us improve the plan:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025IP1317>



### ABC's of Foster Parenting

We will be beginning an online series of virtual meetings that will outline the ins and outs of foster care. Do you have friends or know anyone that would be interested in becoming a foster parent? Send them the link to these meetings, and we will be available to answer any question you may have about the program. The first meeting will begin on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 from 12pm to 1pm and 6pm to 7pm. The second Meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 12pm to 1pm and 6pm to 7pm. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2y95ba6h> Meeting ID: 253 293 577 156 1 Passcode: F5jB2dk6

## **The Baby Fold's Cups and Care- Vogel Coffee**

📅 Saturday, October 18  
🕒 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
📍 1280 W Cleveland St, Suite D, Heyworth, IL 61745  
☎️ (309) 612-7867

Join us for Coffee and connection. Explore the powerful impact of becoming a foster parent. Please share with your friends and community members who may be interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent. This isn't just an info session—it's a chance to build a stronger, more supportive foster care community. So grab a friend and come sip with us. Your invitation could be the start of someone's foster care journey. 🌟 Thanks for all you do for The Baby Fold! We appreciate you all!

### **Remember to join The Baby Fold's Foster Care Facebook Group**

A private Group just for you Foster Parents to be able to join and see all of our upcoming events and trainings as well. Any questions please feel free to reach out Use the link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thebabyfoldfostercare>



### **REPLANTED CONFERENCE**



Adoption and foster care can often feel like an isolated experience. But what if there was a place to connect with others who could say, "same here"? Replanted Conference exists for foster, adoptive, and kinship parents to come together and be encouraged in their similar journeys. Join us at a live simulcast of the Replanted Conference, details below:

📅 October 25-26, 2024- all day event both days  
📍 2910 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL 61704  
Efree Church 2910 E Lincoln St Bloomington, 61704  
☎️ (309) 663-6534



### **Don't forget about our Referral Incentive Program!**

If you refer a family for licensure that successfully becomes licensed, with a child placed in the home, you will be rewarded \$150! Referred families must identify you within the first 3 days of the licensing process. Please reach out to your licensing worker if you have any questions or concerns.

## **2025 Online Foster Parent Events**

### **Online Foster Parent Cafés**

Each Tuesday in September 2025

6:00 - 8:00pm CT each session

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3SiYeKM>

## **2025 In-Person Foster Parent Events**

### **Trunk Or Treat October 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-7pm**

This is a community event, so invite your friends! There will be games, lots of candy, and more. We look forward to celebrating the spooky season with you!

### **Hair Care Training**

Do you have questions about how to care for your foster child's hair? Unfamiliar hair types can be challenging, and we want to help! We offer individual or group training on ethnic hair and skin care. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would benefit from this training!

### **SIDE BY SIDE MINISTRIES**

This ministry exists to engage the church & local community in consistent loving support of families involved in foster care by providing access to physical, relational, & spiritual resources. For more information, send an email to: [sidebyside1712@gmail.com](mailto:sidebyside1712@gmail.com)

### **DADS SHARPEN DADS**

A safe place for dads to share their unique challenges, as well as education and support for each other to be their very best. Meets 2 times a month. For more in Ken Summers at [Ksummers@thebabyfold.org](mailto:Ksummers@thebabyfold.org) for more information

### **WEDNESDAY NOON GROUP**

Provides education and support related to parenting, trauma, and self-care within the context of adoption and foster care. Meets 2 times a month. Email Melissa at [MLEGENDRE@thebabyfold.org](mailto:MLEGENDRE@thebabyfold.org) for more information.

### **GRANDPARENT CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Fostering a grandchild? This group is for you! Meets once a month at Community Care, located at 3601 General Electric Rd. Suite #2 Bloomington, IL 61704. Caregivers & children are able to meet together to do activities, crafts, share a meal, and get acquainted. If you would like more information, please call Angie Raymer at 309-661-6400.

Please reach out to your worker if you have any questions:

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