



Top 10 Reasons to Foster a Teenager

- 1 We are able to tell you what we feel, want, need, fear, and think. You don't have to guess...or change diapers!
- 2 We deserve love and security.
- 3 We want a family and we are choosing you just as much as you are choosing us.
- 4 You can teach us all kinds of fun and valuable things, like driving, budgeting, cooking, and cleaning.
- 5 You can form lifelong relationships with us.
- 6 We have so many gifts and talents. You may learn new things from us too – like technology, fashion and slang!
- 7 We may be sensitive, but we are resilient.
- 8 We appreciate the small things – family dinners, movie nights, one-on-one attention.
- 9 You can show us what is important in life, help us gain independence and start adulthood with hope.
- 10 We need a champion. You can be a part of the reason one of us goes to college or achieves something great.

**Dispelling Three
Common Myths
About Foster Care**

**You don't have
to be married.**

**You don't have
to live in or own
a house.**

**Children in foster
care are just
regular kids.**

For more information, speak to a Licensing Specialist at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

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