

Case Study 6

Long term, short term, emergency and respite

How long have you been fostering?

We've been fostering for 11 years.

What type of fostering do you do?

Emergency, short term, long term and respite

Why did you want to foster?

We just wanted to make that special difference in a child's life.

Why did you approach the Vale to become a foster carer?

For the first five years of fostering we were with an independent fostering agency, however we didn't have any placements over an 18 month period. As a result of this we approached our local authority where we've been full for the past 6 years.

What's the best thing about fostering?

Helping children develop and progress through their early stages of life.

What makes a good foster carer?

Patience, commitment, devotion, energy, understanding children's needs and being able to work as part of a team.