



Could You Provide Foster Care for Teenage Muslim Children?

WE PAY A WEEKLY ALLOWANCE OF OVER £320 PER CHILD PER WEEK

Foster Care Link is the provider of the Islamic Fostering Service. We work with many Local Authorities to ensure Muslim children and young people are placed with caring and loving Muslim families. There is a desperate shortage of carers for teenage boys - we therefore need more carers to come forward and offer their homes to provide care.

Where are they from?

Many of the young people we provide care for are unaccompanied asylum seekers. They come from countries including Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Somalia, Palestine to name a few. When they enter the UK alone with no adults, it is the duty of Local Authorities to find a home for them. Often, they turn to us to help them find Muslim families.

Do they cause a lot of trouble?

A common misconception for many foster carers is that teenage boys will be much more trouble to look after than younger children. This is simply not the case. Often the children will come from stable homes and families, but due to traumatic events and circumstances they will be separated from their families and come to seek refuge in the UK. Such teenage boys we have placed have often been the most stable - interested in their studies and keen to settle into family life. Depending on their age (generally between 12-15 years) they will need a stable home for between one to six years. It is also worth noting that foster carers always have the opportunity to refuse placements.

What are the requirements to join your Service?

We need carers from across London and the surrounding counties, but especially in South East London at present. You will need a spare bedroom in your home. The qualities that make a good carer are flexibility, patience and a caring attitude. The process to become a foster carer is not straightforward, but we will guide you through this and assist you at every stage. Carers must be willing to attend training, and to give detailed personal information about their lives as part of the assessment process. We pay a weekly allowance of over £320 for teenage boys, this covers the cost of looking after the young person and a reward element for doing a good job. The maximum number of children one family can care for is three, depending on the size of your home and your ability – this is decided during the assessment process.

What are the next steps?

For an application pack contact us now on 020 7923 0330 or download from our website at www.islamicfostering.com