

Information meeting:

NEED FOR FOSTER HOMES

Children who have experienced neglect and/or abuse are in need of shelter in permanent or temporary foster homes. Children and young people from Catholic backgrounds are also amongst these children in need.

Today, there is a pressing need for foster homes here in Norway. Families can become authorized foster-caregivers for their own young relatives in need, for children in their neighborhoods or in other social networks, or for children they do not know.

Together with Children's Foster Care Services in Bergen, St. Paul's Catholic Parish will be hosting an information meeting for adults interested in learning more about what it entails to be a foster home, a "family home," or a temporary emergency shelter home. The meeting is for information only; there is no obligation to become a foster parent.

WHEN: Thursday, March 2018, 18.30-20.30

WHERE: Staff Room, St. Paul Primary School, Christies gate 16

At the meeting, consultants from Children's Foster Care Services will give an orientation and answer questions about what foster-care work entails. A foster parent will also be at the meeting to share their personal experiences as a foster-care provider.

At the meeting, you will receive information about:

- Who are the children who need foster care?
- Why do the children need to be relocated?
- Who can become a foster parent?
- How do you become a foster parent?
- With whom do foster parents work?
- Financial and legal concerns
- What is an emergency care facility, and what is a "family home"?
- The need for foster homes for solitary, under-age refugees

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to know more about becoming a foster parent, Children's Foster Care Services in Bergen host monthly (with the exception of July) information meetings. For more information about these meetings, please refer to the Children's Foster Care Services homepage: fosterhjem.no.

Registration:

To facilitate planning, please register at: bergen@katolsk.no If you for whatever reason are unable to register, or would like to bring guests, you are welcome to attend without prior registration.

Additional information:

If you would like to know more about the meeting, or anything else regarding foster care, please contact consultants at the Children's Foster Home Services in Bergen: guro.aarvik@bufetat.no (telephone 466 19 364) or evy.kristin.jamne@bufetat.no (telephone 466 15 137).