

Events

Washington County Child Foster Care Licensing participates in opportunities for providers to acquire free tickets to local games and events:

- **St. Paul Saints**
Foster families have the ability to attend the May 7 game in recognition of Foster Family Awareness Month.

Providers will be contacted with more details on this and other opportunities.

Child Foster Care Licensing Team's Mission

To enrich the lives of children by promoting safe and quality licensed care.



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Meet Washington County Child Foster Care Licensing Staff



Supervisor Michelle McIntosh

every child has the opportunity to thrive in a safe and supportive setting.

In my spare time, my family and I enjoy attending outdoor events, fairs, music, and food festivals throughout the Twin Cities, especially in Washington County. I may see you around!

Jenna : I became the senior child foster care licensing social worker in September 2024. Prior to that, I began my work with the Washington County Community Services Licensing Unit in 2016 as a family child care licensing social worker. In recent years, I contributed my time as a licensing social worker in family child care, adult foster care, and child foster care programs.

Michelle: As of April 2024, I became the supervisor of the Child Foster Care and Child Care Licensing teams. I began as a licensor on the child care licensing team and later advanced to a senior licensor on the child foster care team. I'm now privileged to lead these dynamic teams.

I'm dedicated to ensuring licensing processes are consistent, transparent, and aligned with best practices. Our primary objective is to build strong partnerships with foster parents and provide them with the support, knowledge, and resources needed to create safe, nurturing environments for both the children in care and their own families. Together, we can work to ensure that



Senior licensor Jenna Stringer

Foster Parents Needed!

Word of mouth is one of the best forms of recruitment to get new foster parents in Washington County. If anyone has said to you, "I've always thought about becoming a foster parent" or you know of someone who is good with kids, wants to help the community, and you think has what it takes to become a foster parent, please send them our way! We need people who can provide care to a variety of youth, such as teens, sibling groups, children with mental health diagnoses, developmental disabilities, and everything in between. We need foster parents in all areas of the county. Whether families can only commit to one or two weekends per month for respite care or be a placement resource, we have a need for both! Please pass the word on so we can keep kids in our local foster homes.

Our next Child Foster Care Info. Meeting:
Thursday, May 1
6-8 p.m.
 Online with Teams
 For more information, call 651-430-8307.

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I am looking forward to connecting more with the individuals and families who are applying to be or are already licensed to serve our community's foster care children. I thank you for your commitment to and your care for the safety and well-being of foster care children.



Licensor Emily Angstman

Emily: I am a child foster care licensor at Washington County. Fun facts about me are that I love hiking and I have been to 13 national parks.



Licensor Kelly Bailey

Kelly: I work as a child foster care licensor at Washington County. I have worked in the child and family services department in some capacity for the past 12 years and just recently joined Washington County (my home county).

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my two girls (15 and 5 - SO MUCH SASS) and reading or being outdoors.



Licensor Christa LePean

Christa: I became a child foster care licensor with Washington County in December 2024.

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Licensors Rasmey Xiong

Prior to coming to Washington County, I worked at a private agency coordinating services for individuals with developmental disabilities for over 10 years. I am very excited to be on this amazing licensing team and have already learned so much from each and every one of them. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, going to concerts and musical theater, and doing crafts. I am thankful to be able to meet so many of you wonderful foster parents, who constantly give back in so many ways.

Rasmey: I am a foster care licenser. Prior to this role, I was an ongoing social worker in child protection for 3.5 years. I grew up in Wisconsin and obtained my bachelor's and masters degree in social work.

I enjoy fishing, doing puzzles, and spending time with family. We enjoy playing board games, video games, and singing karaoke.



Licensors Sarah Yang

Sarah: I am the office specialist for the Licensing Unit. I initiate background studies for all child foster care applicants and household members ages 13 years and older. Please don't hesitate to call me with any background study questions. I believe strong families build strong communities and it takes a village to raise a child.

Hannah: I am the case aide for the child foster care and family child care Licensing Unit! I spend most of my time at work coordinating foster care placements, communicating with and assisting foster care and child care providers, and providing support to the licensers!

Outside of work, you can likely find me practicing aerial arts (mainly silks and lyra), embroidering, or spending time with my family and friends! A fun fact about me is that I am a Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) certified mermaid!

I love getting to know our foster families, so please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you have.



Case Aide Hannah Price



Child Foster Care Annual Training Requirements

Each year, every child foster care license holder needs to complete 12 hours of training related to child development, taking care of children who have experienced trauma, parenting, and child foster care. Within these 12 hours of training, you must include the following: One hour of Children's Mental Health training, one hour of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) training, and one hour of Mandated Reporter training.

- **If you are caring for children under the age of 8:** You need to complete the BEST Car Seat training every five years.
- **If you are caring for children ages infant through age 5:** You need to complete one hour of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) training every five years.

These training courses can be completed through different formats including but not limited to in-person training, virtual/web-based training, podcasts, and reading books. *All trainings need to be recorded on your training log in Binti* and the best practice is to get a certificate of completion from your trainings to upload to Binti as well.

A couple great resources for finding trainings:

- [Washington County Training Topics for Licensing site.](#)
- [Foster Adopt Minnesota's Education site.](#)

Each year, Washington County will reimburse up to \$100 a month per license for training related to foster care licensing. *To be reimbursed for training, submit your proof of purchase and proof of your training attendance to your licenser.*

Fire Extinguisher Servicing

Did you know your fire extinguisher (size 2A:10BC or larger) needs to be serviced every year? Here are some local fire extinguisher servicing companies:

- **All Safe Global** | Eric Olson
26542 Fallbrook Lane, Wyoming, MN 55092
866-958-3473 x119 | [Email Eric](#)
 - Annual inspection: \$10.
 - Major maintenance: Price varies but is much higher.
- **Becker Fire & Safety Services** | Bill Becker
1575 Regatta Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125
Office: 651-739-7776 | Cell: 651-373-8820
[Email Bill](#)
 - Mobile service company (they visit residence and service the extinguishers on-site).
 - \$30 payable by cash or check.
- **Forest Lake Ace Hardware** | Sue Olson
814 S. Lake St., Forest Lake, MN 55025
651-464-6262 | [Email Sue](#)
 - Sells fire extinguishers.
 - Servicing: \$10 per extinguisher.
 - Drop-off on-site only.
- **Mississippi Welders Supply Company** | Brian Stevens
1810 Webster St., Suite 3, Hudson, WI 54016
Office: 715-381-6964 | Brian: 507-450-0225
[Email Brian](#)
 - Option to bring fire extinguisher to storefront or service call (they come to you).
 - Annual inspection: \$7.
 - Service call: Additional \$50.
- **Nardini Fire Equipment Company / Pye-Barker Fire and Safety** | Nick Rotter
405 West County Road E, Shoreview, MN 55126
651-483-6631 | 888-627-3464 | [Email Nick](#)
 - Walk-in style at Shoreview site.
 - Annual service: \$12 or more.
 - Re-charging: \$30, up to \$70 depending on extent of maintenance needed.
- **St. Croix Fire & Safety, Inc.** | Dave Wyland
4177 Kirkwood Lane N., Lake Elmo, MN 55042
651-248-5069 | [Email Dave](#)
 - Recertification: \$7 per extinguisher | \$55 truck charge.
 - Additional cost to visit site.
- **Weber and Troseth, Inc.** | Roger Wyland
1902 University Ave. W., St. Paul, MN 55104
651-645-1034 | [Email Roger](#)
 - Walk-in and on-site fire extinguisher servicing.
 - Sells fire extinguishers.

Resources

- **Foster One:**

StoreHouse

This is a great resource for our kinship families when the child first moves into your home. You can make a request for essential items for the children such as diapers, wipes, car seats, beds, and more.

[Submit a StoreHouse request using Foster One's StoreHouse web page.](#)

- **Safe Haven Foster Shoppe**

Foster Shoppe is a program that hand delivers bags of essential items to foster children. Bags are gender and size specific and can include brand new items such as clothing, pajamas, blanket, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, book, stuffed animal, socks, underwear/diapers. Many additional items are available, such as coats, shoes, formula, toys, school supplies, and much more!

Please note the Foster Shoppe program is intended for initial placements.

How to request items:

Foster parents have four ways to request items:

- Call or Text: 763-742-7799.
- [Email Save Haven Foster Shoppe.](#)
- [Submit an online request:](#) *Submit a separate request for each child.*

The following information must be submitted with your request:

- Name
- Email address
- Request relationship (*foster provider*)
- Phone number
- The name of the county or agency that issued you a license
- Date of placement
- If you would like the items delivered or if you would like to pick them up
- Delivery address (*if requested*)

Please have this and any additional information that would be helpful - such as child's gender, age, clothing and shoe sizes - readily available. Also have available the other needs of the child, such as winter coats, school supplies, additional clothing, etc.

Locations:

- Safe Haven Foster Shoppe and Distribution Center
12765 Lake Blvd., Lindstrom, MN 55045
- Safe Haven Foster Shoppe Inc. (*legal, billing, and shipping address*)
1339 Awatukee Trail, Hudson, WI 54016

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New Contact Information

Please keep us informed of any changes to your email address and home/cell phone numbers. You may contact your licensor directly or [email Child Foster Care Licensing](#).