



## Have you got what it takes to step up?

We're looking for specialist foster carers to offer a family home to a young person with additional needs who we don't want to have to stay in residential care any longer. We know that as foster carers you are patient, caring and resilient – that goes with the territory! But if you also have experience of working with children with behavioural / emotional challenges and would like to dedicate your time to a young person that requires your full attention, please talk to us about becoming a specialist foster carer.

Details of the packages of payments and support are available on request. Here's one example of the kind of children who require specialist foster care.

### Case Study

Amy (not real name) was born a boy, but likes to identify as a girl, she's 15 years old with Mild Cerebral Palsy, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Astigmatism and Mild Learning Difficulties.

Amy loves LEGO, Paw Patrol, her soft pup toys and watching different cartoons. Most of the time Amy wears girl's clothes. She likes going out to play parks and loves going on bike rides, but most of all Amy loves transport, whether this is by car, bus or train rides or just reading about transport. Her favourites are electric trains.

Amy has spent time with two foster families but is now in a residential care home. Which is why we're urgently looking for a long-term, loving home for Amy, who wants to be part of a family again.

Amy has developmental needs, she also has a lovely, warm and trusting personality. Sandwell Children's Trust have put together a specialist foster carer package to allow the right family to give Amy a home as a full-time commitment. If you have the experience, determination and the love to offer Amy a home, please contact us about becoming a specialist carer for Sandwell.

Amy has said that she would like a family with a Mum and a Dad and one other child that she can play with. Amy is also looking to attend college.

In recognition of your commitment we are able to offer a specialist foster carer package including, specialist training and development, 24/7 support with a generous enhanced fostering payment package to become a full-time specialist carer for Sandwell Children's Trust.

Please speak to your social worker to find out more.

