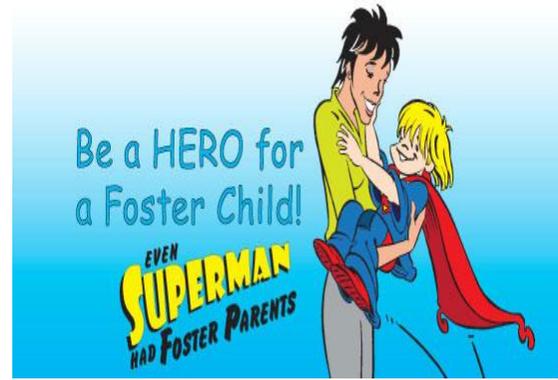


What foster care is like!

What care is really like!



- ▶ Some children think care is a prison and that they think their parents don't want them but that's not why they're in care.
- ▶ The thing is they don't really know how hard the carers work and that they're doing this so we have a better life and childhood.
- ▶ I know it's hard for some children in care it's hard for me but we finally just realise we can't go home until we're 18-21, so we all find out we're just going to stay here until we're old enough to go home.



What I think about care!

- ▶ At first I hated being in care but now I know that there is reasons that kids can't go home and I understood that after I moved a few times.
- ▶ I know it's scary at first and YES, it is if your only little like I was and I now how upsetting it is to.
- ▶ People may laugh and say haha you don't live with your mum and she doesn't love you, well there wrong.
- ▶ Kids are put in care, because there parents love them but don't think they will be able to give us what they need so they put us in care so we get educated and have a good life, and not because they hate you.
- ▶ I know how it feels and I'm sorry but just know your there, because your parents love you and want you to have a better life!

This is my carer Karen!

- ▶ This is my carer Karen and I've only been with her for 5-6 weeks and I know now how much she works, because she has 3 of her own kids and another 3 foster kids so you can tell how much she works!
- ▶ She is one of the best carers that I have had and I've only known her a few weeks but I know how much carers work, because I've been in care for a long time and I've still got 6 years left until I can go home.

Remember

- ▶ Remember that you are lucky that there are nice people in the world that are like your carers that take you into their homes and feed you and keep you warm.
- ▶ So the next time you look at your carer think to yourself that they love you and that

All about me!

- ▶ My name is xxxxxxxx and I've been in care for years and I know how you feel so I'm going to tell you what I've been told by my new carer Karen that every foster child is special in they own way and that we're lucky to have caring carers to let us be part of there family and in to their home.
- ▶ Also the foster family are lucky to have us,because we're special individuals with are own wonderful way of being.
- ▶ I also get told that I'm a wonderful person and that I have a lot of love to give and I'm starting to believe it and I expect you are too!□

Thank you for reading what cares all about!

- ▶ Just remember appreciate what carers do for us and what we give to them back.
- ▶ Of my experience of moving from carer to carer sometimes it can take a few moves to find the right family, because there is a loving family for every child in need.
- ▶ Just maybe sometimes it takes a long time to find them!



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