



# Lorain County Children Services

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Dear Church Leader,

Protecting children from abuse and neglect is as important for our community as it is for us at Lorain County Children Services. One very personal way to make a difference in the lives of Lorain County's abused or neglected children is by choosing to become a foster parent. I'm sure you can think of members who would make wonderful foster parents. People who can whole heartedly and lovingly take care of another family's child.

We know that people who can do this are among us. We are asking you to help us find them, support them, and give our children the opportunity to benefit from them. They might be the people who lead your youth program or the people who watch the children during services. They may be the family that just joined your congregation or the parents who just became empty-nesters. From our experience, families that have a strong support system, like a church that can stand with them, are more likely to take the next step and make that personal commitment to fostering our community's children.

Many of our local churches acknowledge or observe Stand Sunday, a national day of prayer for children affected by abuse and neglect. On Stand Sunday, churches dedicate one Sunday to calling their congregations to care for vulnerable children and families. Through Stand Sunday, your community can stand together—and ensure no child or family in foster care has to stand alone. Although Stand Sunday is November 13, we would appreciate your sharing this message of support at your convenience.

Please call me, Family-Based Care Supervisor, Judith Padua at 440-329-5608 at any time to discuss how we can help you bring a message of foster care or adoption into you church. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Padua, MSW, LISW-S  
Family Based Care Supervisor

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*November 13, 2022*



Lorain County Children Services invites you to learn more  
about foster care and adoption at [www.ChildrenServices.org](http://www.ChildrenServices.org) or  
at one of our upcoming information sessions. To learn more  
visit [childrenservices.org/foster-parenting](http://childrenservices.org/foster-parenting)

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The words "not enough" are heard every day inside of our nation's foster care system . . . *not enough resources, not enough support, not enough families.*

It doesn't have to be this way. We serve a God of *more than enough*, and you can work alongside others in your community to make *more than enough* a reality for children and families.

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