

# Transferrable Skills

There are a wide range of professional fields that you may have worked in which have transferrable skills when it comes to being a foster carer, which includes but is not limited to:



## SOCIAL WORK

One of the most clearly transferrable job roles when considering becoming a foster carer is that of a social worker. Particularly if your experience has included working directly with families and children in communities, you will already have a strong background in healthy family dynamics and improving the wellbeing of parents and children



## CHILDCARE

Working in childcare means that you will have already had an insight into the life of a foster carer. Experienced in looking after the children of other families and guardians, including multiple kids at a time of varying ages, ensures that you will be particularly able to be a foster carer with us



## TEACHING

Primary or secondary teaching involves guiding children and young people of varying cultural backgrounds and academic abilities to develop and reach their potential, which is the essence of life as a foster carer



## NURSING

Naturally caring and empathetic, characteristics needed for a career in nursing translate well to fostering. Knowing what to do when your child is poorly and having a strong understanding of their health needs can be tremendously beneficial for the young person in your care

## FOSTER CARER



## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Especially suitable if you are caring for a child who is struggling with either their written or verbal communication development and need extra help, speech and language techniques learned in your job role can make all the difference



## PSYCHIATRY AND THERAPY

Having an advanced understanding of human emotions and the talking therapies used to help children recover from periods of trauma and neglect in the past is extremely useful when caring for vulnerable young people



## ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

Birthday parties, events with family and friends, holidays and days out are all in hand as you utilise your skills in organisation and creative thinking to provide children in your care with unforgettable memories



## LIBRARIAN

Able to offer a window into the world of literature, introducing a child to the magic of books as well as academic sources to help them with their schoolwork open up a world of possibility for them. You will also come into your own when reading bedtime stories!

Even if your personal or career experience hasn't been covered in the above list, it is likely that there will be something that you can draw upon when becoming a foster carer. Perhaps you may have looked after someone else's children in the past, even if only for a short time. Or people may often comment that you are good with young people and that they respond well to you.

**If so, then we can equip you on your journey to becoming a brilliant foster carer through our renowned training courses that will provide you with all the information, knowledge and skills you will need to support a child in your care.**