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- FVO:** Fostering...a career that changes lives!
- But if you've thought about fostering, there's probably lots of questions you'd like answered. Over the next few minutes we'll help you find those answers.
- INTERVIEWEE 1:** I'm Linda, and for 12 years I've been a foster carer. In that time I've cared for over 20 young people. Obviously it's hard work...but when you see the faces of the children you just want to help them, and it's really rewarding.
- FVO:** Great foster carers have many skills and qualities. These include having strong listening and observational skills, a good sense of humour, optimism, patience, energy, confidence, ability to work as part of a team, stability and resilience.
- INTERVIEWEE 2:** I'm Sarah. When my grandchildren went to school, I was looking for something to do and someone recommended fostering. That was 7 years ago, and I've never looked back.
- INTERVIEWEE 3:** My name's Dennis and I owe a lot to my foster carers. They gave me the love, care and support I needed, and helped me get my life back together.
- FVO:** Foster carers are given everything they need to provide the care the children need. From a dedicated support worker, to help with any set-up costs, to 24/7 support and a tiered pay structure, you're never far away from help if you need it.
- INTERVIEWEE 1:** I'd encourage anyone who wants to be a foster carer to get all the information they can. You can talk through any concerns with the recruitment team at your local fostering service, as well as access a network of support from foster carers.
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- If you want more information on Fostering, getting in touch is easy...
- HACKNEY** For Hackney, just contact the Hackney Fostering Service on 08000 730418 or visit hackneykids.org.uk.
- WANDSWORTH** For wandsworth, just call Mari on 0208 871 66 66, email adoptionandfostering@wandsworth.gov.uk for an application pack, or come to the information meetings that take place at 7pm, on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Holiday Inn, Smugglers Way
- EALING:** For Ealing just call 0800 731 6550 for details on the monthly information sessions
- BARNET:** For Barnet, email fostering@barnet.gov.uk, or call 020 8359 6274
- HAM&FUL:** ...just call 0800 169 3497 or visit www.lbhf.gov.uk/fosteringandadopting

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- SUTTON:** For Sutton, just visit suttonfostering.org.uk, or call 0208 770 4250. We also host regular drop-in sessions on the first Wednesday of every month in Sutton Central Library.
- LAMBETH:** For Lambeth just email fosteringandadoption@lambeth.gov.uk, or call 0800 952 2926
- ISLINGTON:** For Islington just email fostering@islington.gov.uk, or call 0800 073 0428
- WESTMINSTER:** For Westminster just email fostering@westminster.gov.uk, or call 0800 0322 533
- KENSINGTON & CHELSEA:** For Kensington and Chelsea, call us free on 0800 183 2400 to find out more or visit rbkc.gov.uk/fosterus.
- FVO:** And don't forget the Fostering Network also have more help and information...log onto couldyoufoster.org.uk, where you'll also find details of other events happening around London.