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Foster with FSG



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Every year
thousands of children
are taken in to **Care** and need
fostering because their parents,
for **one reason or another**
are unable to **look after them**

What is Fostering?

Simply.

Fostering is about continuing family life for a child or young person when they can no longer live with their birth family whether it be respite, short-term or long-term care you provide.

It may be that their parents are going through a difficult period, or that the child is abused or neglected. The children and young people can be hurt, frightened and sometimes angry and deserve the support, stability and comfort of a welcoming home. It may also be that the young people are presenting with behaviour which cannot be managed in their own homes.

Fostering is caring for such children and young people. It can mean looking after one or more children or young people for a week, month, year or sometimes even longer until they reach independence at 18. The Foster Carer's role is to nurture, guide and advocate for the children in their care.

As a Foster Carer you are part of a professional network which includes social workers and other professionals such as doctors, health visitors, therapists and schools.

This network is there to help support the young person face the challenges in their lives, but also to help guide you in the role of Foster Carer.



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Becoming a Foster Carer

Supporting those who support our children

At Fostering Support Group (FSG) we have been putting children and young people together with Foster Carers for over 20 years. In fact we were one of the first fostering agencies to offer foster placements to Local Authorities. And we continue to lead and innovate in the field of care for vulnerable children and young people.

We have Childrens/Fostering offices in London, Kent and Shropshire and are pleased to have strong relationships with Local Authorities in all these regions. We are also currently expanding the areas we operate in.

Being rich in experience and expertise means we have a very low placement breakdown figure which we believe is testament to the quality of our Foster Carers, our ability to match Foster Carers with children and young people as well as the comprehensive and personal support we offer.

At FSG we also have a high occupancy rate of 81% which means we like to keep our Foster Carers busy.

We believe that our Foster Carers best support children when they are well supported and trained and our ethos is to promote a culture of continuous learning and innovation. We believe that all staff, carers and children play an important role in the life of the agency and as such, it is important to listen and encourage participation from all our stake holders.





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Can you Foster?

As a fostering agency we believe in building local communities of Foster Carers who we can look after, work closely with and who can support one another.

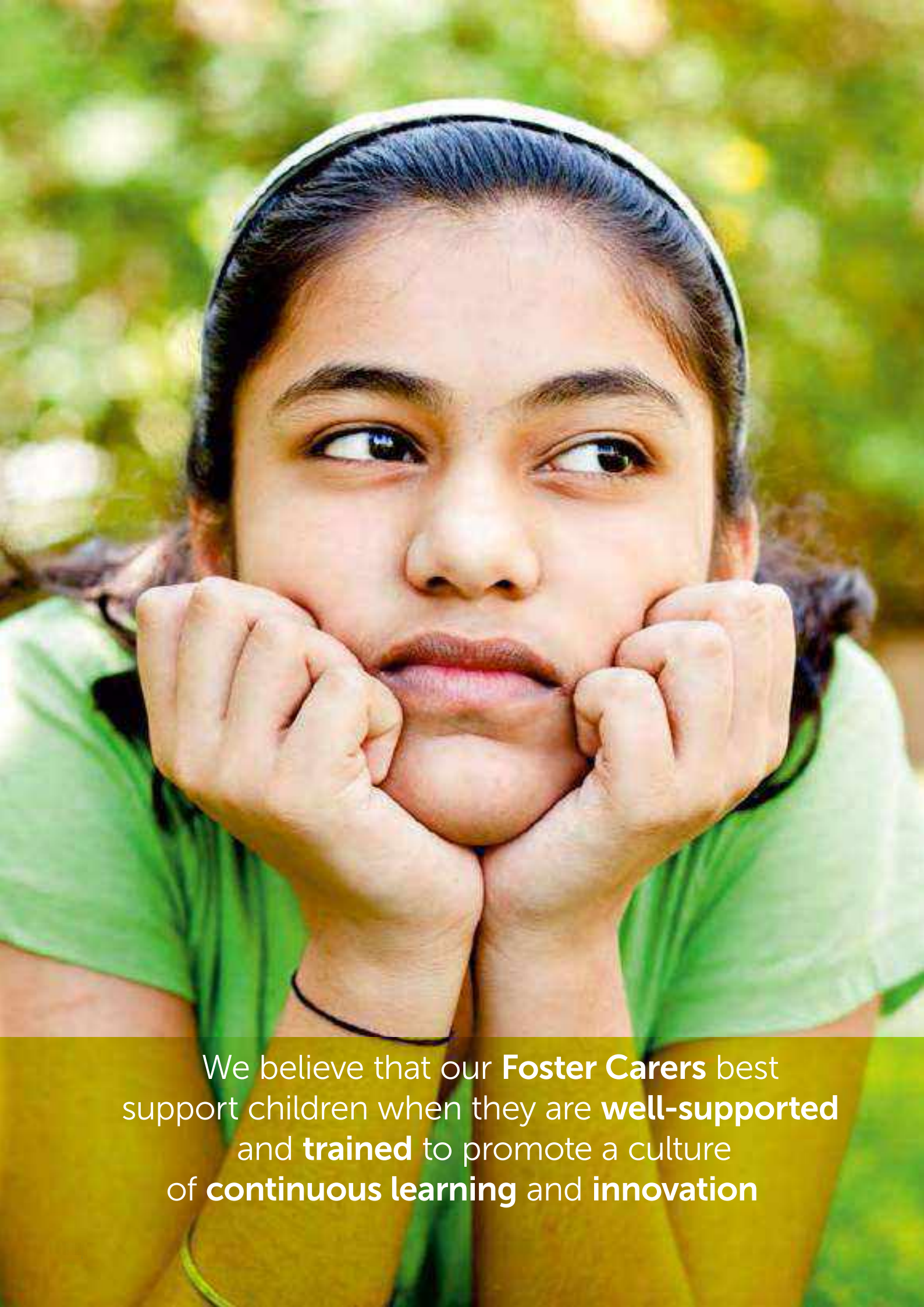
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If you have:

- A spare bedroom
- A real interest in children
- Time to care for vulnerable children
- Good support networks
- An ability to work with professionals.

You could be just who we are looking for!

- Whether you have your own children or not
- If you are single, married or living with a partner
- If you are in or out of work
- Whether you live in your own home or rent
- Whatever your race, religion or sexuality.



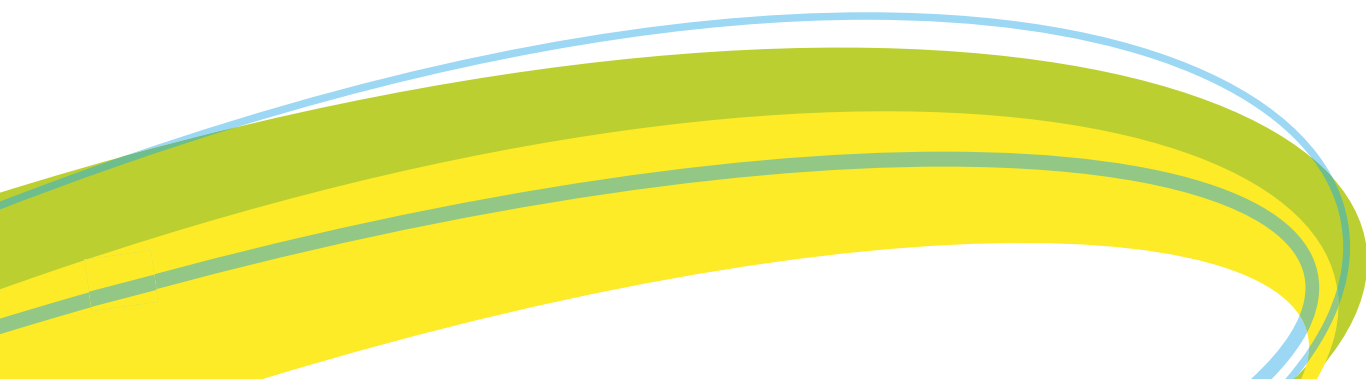
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Our commitment

We aim to provide real opportunities for 'looked-after-children' and young people to achieve their full potential and to live fulfilling lives in the community.

The NMS, together with the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011 (the 2011 Regulations), underpin our standards and FSG aims to provide:

- High-quality care for children and young people in a family setting that reflects values, individual needs and differences
- Continuity in the lives of children and young people so their identity and education can be maintained and developed, their physical and mental well-being promoted and their full potential achieved
- Therapeutic support for both looked-after-children and their carers
- A commitment to a child/young person as a unique individual with unique needs
- 24 hour support for foster carers and children/young people
- A commitment to the recruitment of foster carers from diverse backgrounds so that FSG can offer appropriate placements for children and young people
- A commitment to the on-going learning and training of foster carers and staff
- Consideration for the gender, ethnicity, sexuality and disability of young people when making placements and matching decisions
- Stability in the lives of children and young people to enable them to fulfil their potential
- A safe and protective environment, to be treated with respect and dignity and to be encouraged, nurtured and supported





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Do you have what it takes to foster?

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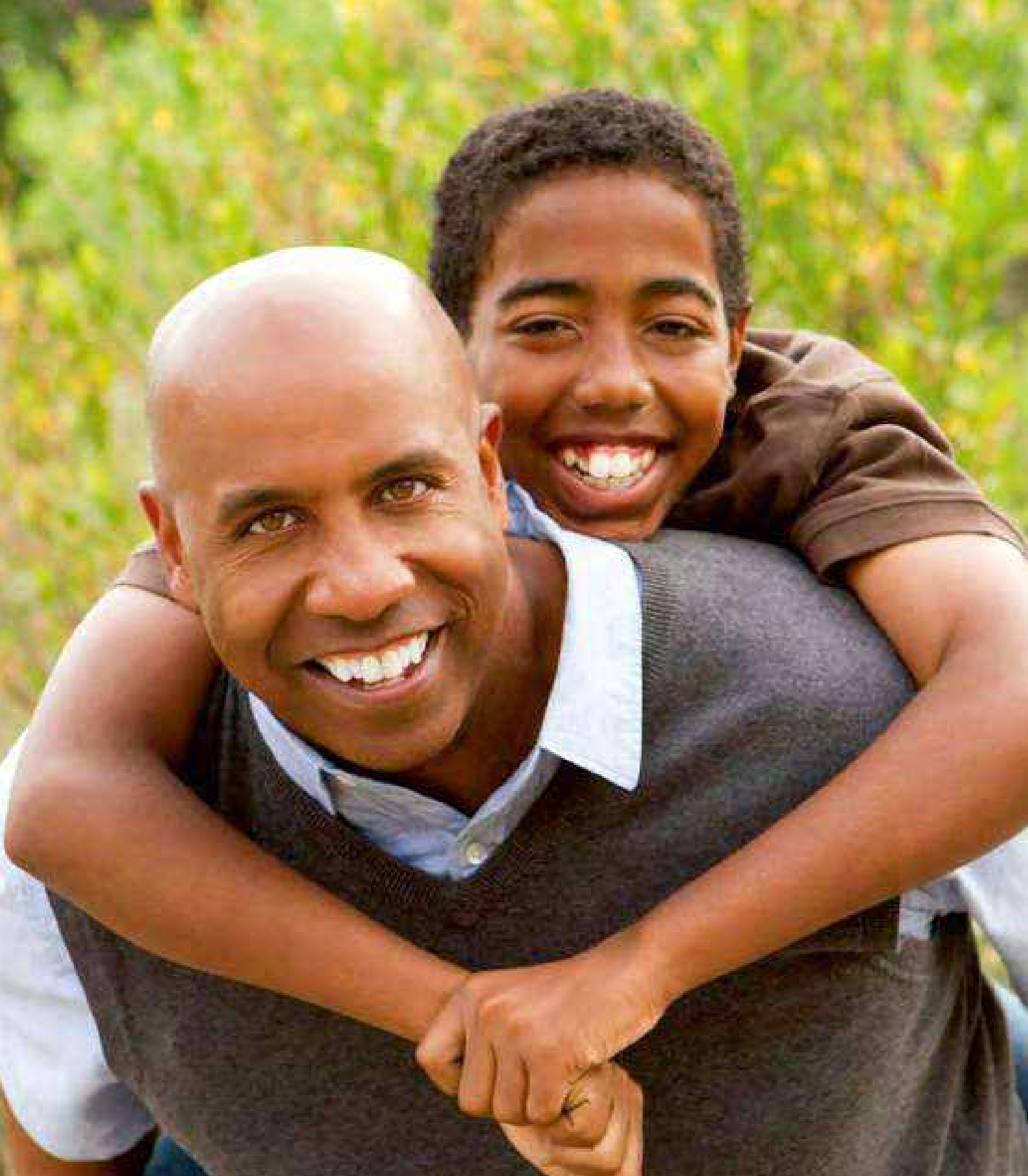
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