



THE LAKEWOOD AREA COLLABORATIVE

Open your heart, open your home – become a foster parent!

Making the decision to step into a child's world through kinship caregiving, fostering and adopting is a life-changing event, and the Lakewood community supports you in this adventure. We celebrate your decision to welcome children into your home, and we are here for you each step along the way. The Lakewood Area Collaborative is invested in your success, and we are excited that you will be joining a group of extraordinary families who have already undertaken this endeavor.

The Lakewood Area Collaborative is a group of agencies, organizations and concerned individuals working together to make sure a network of services and supports are available and accessible to children, youth and families. Because a 'village' really does raise a child, we'll work together with you from the beginning of Pre-service or caregiving, and we'll continue to be available to your family throughout the entire experience of kinship caregiving, fostering and adopting.

We can help you by:

- Acting as your advocate and liaison
- Addressing housing requirements
- Problem-solving about any roadblocks that arise
- Navigating the process
- Meeting other kinship, foster and adoptive families
- Connecting to support groups and individualized supports for you and your children

Please Contact Us!

*Serving the Communities of Bay Village, Far West Cleveland,
Fairview Park, Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake*

**Please call Lisa on our Resource Line
(216) 529-6108**



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