FOSTER CARE AMBASSADOR

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Join our passionate advocates who support the Cayuga Centers mission every day!



WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE ANDASSADON!

Our Ambassadors make an impact by raising awareness about foster care, breaking the myths surrounding foster care, and empowering those who have the calling to become foster parents with Cayuga Centers. Because we don't often have volunteer opportunities within the organization, this program allows you to support Cayuga Centers mission in an impactful way.









SHARE MATERIALS

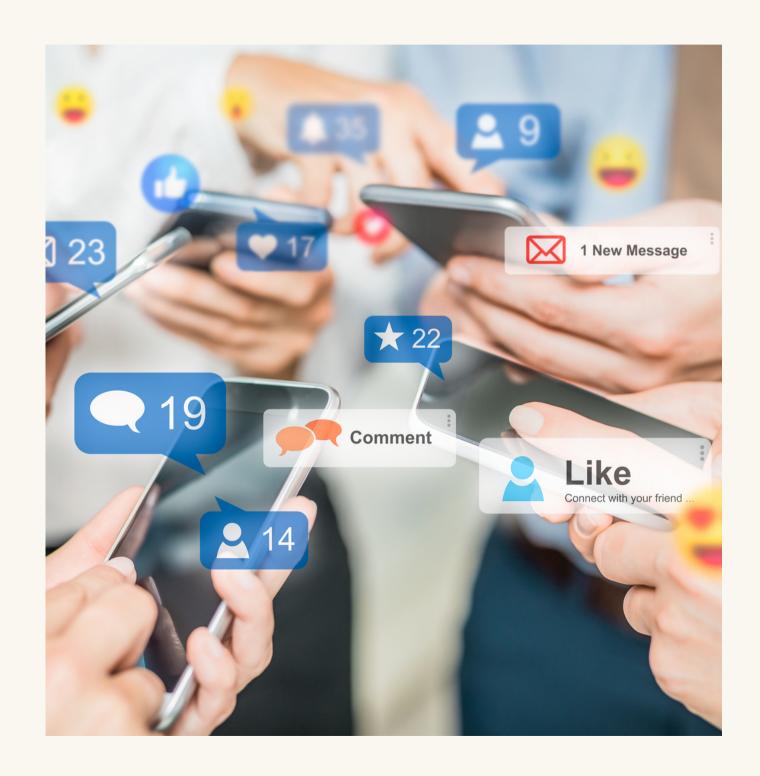
Foster care ambassadors can distribute educational materials about Cayuga Centers Foster Care programs, or pass out items like swag or recruitment flyers.

WAYS TO SHARE:

- Drop off flyers in your breakroom
- Hang flyers at your favorite local businesses
- Hand out flyers at churches or PTA groups
- Share flyers with members of a club or class you attend







POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA

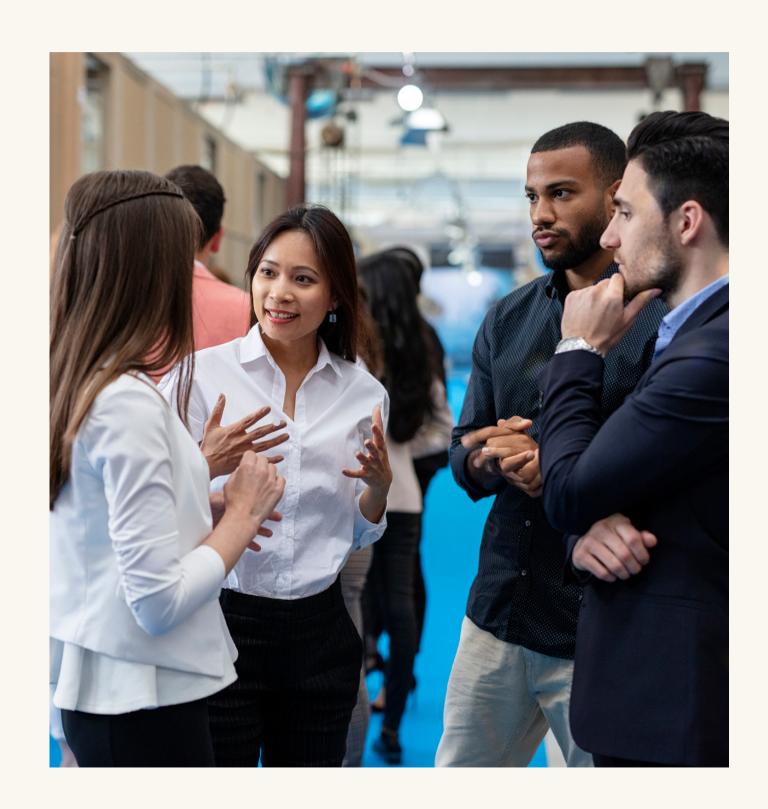
Foster Care ambassadors can use their existing audience to share stats about foster care, share foster care stories, and ways in which Cayuga Centers supports foster parents. Our social media team will re-share your highlights on our feed.

WAYS TO ENGAGE:

- Post statistics about fostering
- Share information about our program
- Share our foster care Commercial
- Share a foster parent video testimonial
- Share your own experience with foster care







START A CONVERSATION

Do you attend networking events on a regular basis? Mention Cayuga Centers services in your conversations with your professional network. Speak about foster care awareness, help our regional offices to create more community connections, or encourage someone to foster who is able. Some of our best foster parents are those working with youth as counselors, teachers, and nurses.

WAYS TO SHARE:

- Seek community partners at networking events
- Share the work Cayuga Centers does in your community
- Invite others to upcoming Cayuga Centers events
- Encourage donors to support Cayuga Centers







HOST INFORMATION SESSIONS OR EVENTS

Foster Care ambassadors can host information sessions and events to address questions and lead community discussions about the foster care system and the need for foster parents in your region.

EVENT IDEAS:

- Host an informational event at your local business
- Host a small coffee gathering for people interested in fostering
- Let Cayuga Centers be a speaker at your event
- Go orange to spotlight Cayuga Centers at your next event!



SIGN UP TO BE AN AMPASSAGOT

- Fill out our form to begin <u>cayugacenters.org/ambassador</u>
- Connect with our team to get access to our Foster Care Ambassador Tool Kit -- resources and assets to help you in your advocacy
- Share the Cayuga Centers mission!



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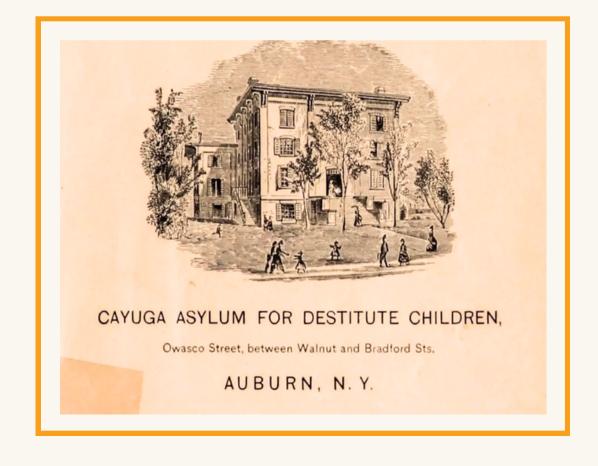
OUR MISSION

To help children, families and individuals to grow as independent, healthy and productive citizens through quality counseling, out-of-home care and support services. We do this in partnership with those we serve as well as government agencies and other service providers.

OUR STORY



Cayuga Centers is a nationally accredited and awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit, human services agency headquartered in Auburn, NY. Founded in 1852, the agency has delivered quality services by following the agency's mission of helping individuals and families grow as independent, healthy and productive citizens through quality counseling, out-of-home care and support services. Cayuga Centers provides a continuum of support services in Delaware, Florida, Pennsylvania and more than 30 counties throughout the State of New York. The agency specializes in providing individualized, culturally appropriate and trauma-informed support to diverse populations. Cayuga Centers currently serves more than 10,000 individuals and families annually, in partnership with those it serves, government agencies and other service providers.





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† 1852

Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children was founded for orphans and children whose families were unable to care for them.

• 1913

The name was changed to Cayuga Home for Children, and the orphanage began to also admit children receiving child welfare services.

1991

Cayuga Centers became an original HOMEBUILDERS agency in New York State

1994

Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities implemented and Weekend Respite and Day Habilitation programs started.

2011

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2014

Cayuga Centers began working with The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), a program within the **United States** Department of Health and Human Services, to provide services for Unaccompanied Children (UC). Differing from other providers who offered congregate care, Cayuga Centers places UC in nurturing foster homes that allow siblings to stay together.

OUR HISTORY

2020

When COVID-19 struck, Cayuga Centers kept staff employed, avoided layoffs and kept serving safely to people in their homes.

The agency grew and moved to Owasco street in Auburn, NY.

1855

The orphanage structure needed replacement, resulting in the move to 101 Hamilton Avenue in Auburn, NY. The Residential Treatment Center began.

1955

Residential Treatment Center closed as congregate care was deemed a less effective way to support children and families than treatment foster care and from home and community-based treatment services.

2008

Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) program in Central New York launched using Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) model. This was the first and only evidencebased TFC in NYS.

2002

Weekend Respite and Day Habilitation programs served more than 1,200 individuals through care coordinator program. SafeCare program started.

2017

Expanded the TFFC program to Delaware.

2016

Expanded the TFFC program to Florida.

2015

Cayuga Centers celebrates 170 years by seeking to serve new areas and underserved populations.

Merged with Institute for Child and Family Services (ICFH).

2022

Cayuga Centers reached 100% vaccinated staff. Expanded the TFFC program to Pennsylvania.

2021

OUR HISTORY

Click for an in-depth look at our history



OUR ANNUAL IMPACT



170+

years serving children and families



Counties Served



10,000
Youth and families served



Programs provided





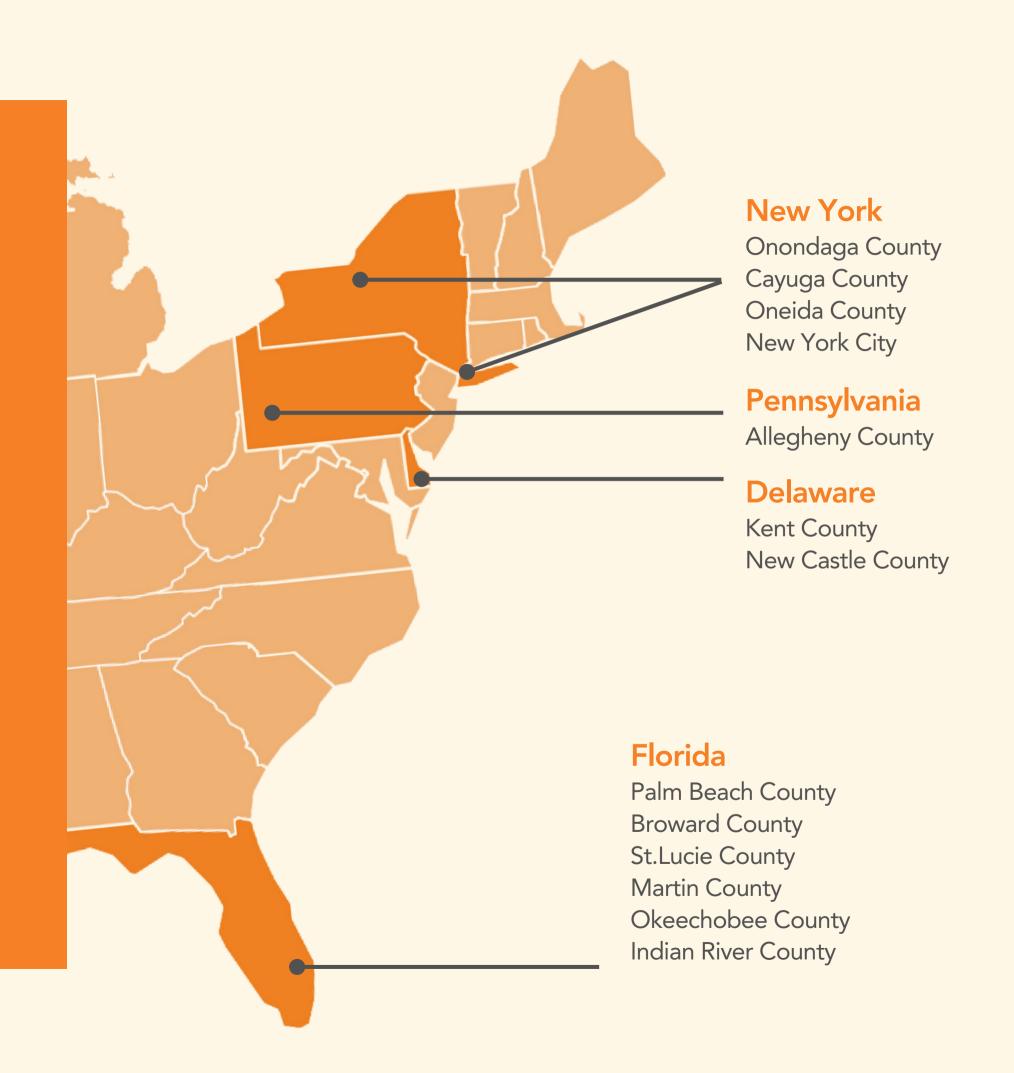
WHERE DO WE PROVIDE FOSTER CARE?

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Transitional Foster Care





WHAT MAKES OUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS



Wrap-around support

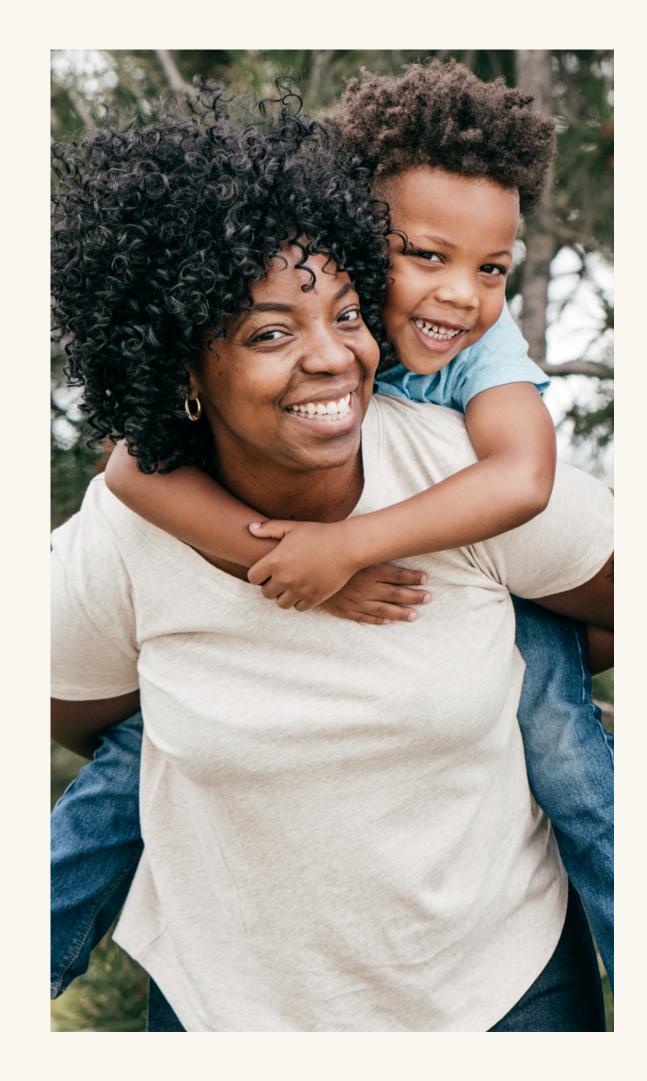
Our foster parents are not alone. They are part of a treatment team that includes a case planner, skills trainer, and clinician.

Treatment Team available 24/7

We know fostering is hard. So we make sure our treatment team is available day and night for support or in case of emergencies, including daily check-ins.

Foster Family Matching

We make sure our foster youth are matched with foster parents who can support them best.



Fill out the application on cayugacenters.org/ambassador to request access to our full Toolkit of assets available.

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