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Meeting slated to explain foster parent program

Some children in northern Vermilion and southern Iroquois counties need special care from some special adults.

The children are those who, for one reason or another, have been taken from their homes.

The special adults are those who have decided to become foster parents.

And there aren't enough of them, according to Faye Watson, recruitment coordinator at the Danville Department of Children and Family Services.

DCFS oversees Illinois' foster care program.

In an effort to make people aware of the program, and recruit new foster parents, DCFS will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. July 28 at the Presbyterian church in Hoopeston.

Watson will talk about foster care and give basic information on the program, which includes three types of foster care. They are:

Emergency care, which is temporary care while other arrangements are made. Care can last anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks. "We don't have too many foster parents who take emergency placements," Watson said. Occasionally, temporary care can become the second form.

Regular care, longer than emergency care. Regular caregivers provide long-term care for children, sometimes for years.

Special care, the final form, is for children with special needs, such as mental or physical problems or behavioral problems, Watson said.

In the area, there are more foster children than foster parents to care for them. "We always need homes," Watson said. "We don't have as many in Hoopeston as we need."

There are 75 foster homes in Vermilion and Iroquois counties. "Most homes are full," Watson said.

Of the total, approximately five are in the Hoopeston-Milford-Rossville area, she said.

The discrepancy between the number of children who need care and the number of parents willing to provide it is caused by two factors.

First, Watson said, there are fewer people willing to be foster parents.

However, the predominant reason is there are more children who need care. "There's a much

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Foster care facts:

- ♦ Foster parents may be single or married.
- ♦ Foster homes may house up to eight children, including the foster parent's natural children.
- ♦ Teenaged children and those with special needs are hardest to place.
- ♦ Foster children receive a state medical card. Foster families receive a monthly check to cover the cost of food, clothing and personal allowance for the foster child.
- ♦ Foster parents must be at least 21, but there is no maximum age limit.
- ♦ The hardest part of being a foster parent is when the child returns home or is adopted.
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Rhonda Schramm. Hoopeston. disorderly conduct. dismissed.

Suzanne Miller. East Lynn. theft. \$75 and costs, one year court supervision.

Jackie Winchester. Hoopeston. trespassing. \$75 and costs.

Benjamin Schwartz. Hoopeston. writ hearing. dismissed: battery, \$75 and costs. three months court supervision. bond to cover.

Edwin Garrigus. Hoopeston. four counts disorderly conduct. battery. continued for six months.

Edwin Garrigus. Hoopeston. uninsured. continued for six months.

Michael Abbott. Hoopeston. to pay \$25. paid in full.

Man to be tried for assault
A Hoopeston man will have a preliminary hearing July 25 after he allegedly assaulted a Paxton woman and tried to steal her car.
Daniel W. Bridgeman. 22. was arrested at 6:15 p.m. Monday after he allegedly tried to grab a woman from her car.
Bridgeman was taken to the Ford County jail. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Obituaries
YERGLER - Janet E. Yergler, 82. of Watseka, died July 13, 1994. at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Edmund's Catholic Church, Watseka. Burial will be in the G.A.R. Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Saturday at the Segur-Knapp Funeral Home. 219 S. Fourth St., Watseka.

In the hospital
Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
July 12, 1994
Admitted: Edna Richardson and Edward Watson, both of Hoopeston.
Discharged: none.

Weather
Partly sunny today with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid to upper 80s. Tonight. cloudy. Scattered showers. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow. scattered thunderstorms. High near 85. low near 66.

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greater need than there was 10 years ago."
The decision to become a foster parent is not an easy - or quick - one. "It takes about two years between when someone first thinks about it and when they actually get kids." Watson said.
It's a decision that should not be taken lightly. "It is a big responsibility. a huge responsibility." she said.
People who decide to become foster parents must fill out an application. There are background and criminal checks. including fingerprinting. and home inspections.
Those who pass the tests must attend training classes. Currently. classes are held for six weeks. That number will increase to 10 in September. Watson said.
At any time during the process. potential foster parents may change their minds.
Those who do not want to be foster parents can still be of support to those who are. by occasional babysitting. cooking a meal or just listening to the foster parent. Watson said.
"Foster parents would like more community support. " she said. "I think foster parents want the community to realize how difficult it is."

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