The UMass Lowell Department of Psychology seeks **volunteers age 18-25** to participate in a study of perspectives on growing up in different types of families—families that provided foster care and families that did not

**Why?**

No one has ever studied the experience of growing up in families that provided foster care to children in need compared with growing up in traditionally related families.

We need to understand what types of impacts the experience has on children—not just on the children in foster care—but also on the children already in the family.

We believe the results of this study can inform social work policy to provide for better experiences for all of the children involved in foster care.

We need volunteers from two types of families:

1. **Families consisting of biological members and unrelated children in FOSTER CARE**
2. **Families consisting only of traditionally related members**

**Why?**

We need two groups for comparison. The comments of people from families that fostered are given a context in the comments of participants from traditionally related families. What has to do with foster care, and what has to do simply with having Other Children in the Family?

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Interested?

You will be asked to participate in one focus group and to complete some brief questionnaires.

Later, you will be asked to rate the extent to which you agree with statements made across the groups.

At the completion of the study, you will receive a pair of movie tickets with our thanks.

You may also request a summary of the findings

Please share your story!
For more information on this FOSTER CARE Study, please contact

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• If your family
  • Provided FOSTER CARE to unrelated children, or
  • Consisted only of biological siblings and parents
• If you are 18-25 years old
• If you have a story to tell

Read on for more details about an important study at UMass Lowell