

# Become a Child Welfare Volunteer Driver

Help children in foster care see their parents more often by driving them to family visits.

## Family Visits Can Help Children Go Home Sooner

### How can you help??

With just a few hours a week spent driving children from foster care to family visits, you can help a child leave foster care sooner to reunite with family, or achieve permanent placement through adoption or guardianship.

Lack of safe, reliable transportation is often a barrier to regular family visits.

Children living in foster care miss their families. Regular family visits provide comfort, and reinforce trust and attachment. Without them, children can feel a sense of hopelessness that can affect their physical and mental well-being.

## BECOME A TRANSPORTATION CHAMPION!

ODHS Child Welfare is looking for volunteer drivers in the greater Salem area.



An ODHS Child Welfare initiative.



# Call Pat Freeman Today

To see if you can become a volunteer driver



**Pat Freeman**  
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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A  
CHILD WELFARE VOLUNTEER DRIVER?**



## Child Welfare is looking for Volunteer Drivers who...

- Enjoy spending time with children of all ages
- Desire to support the well-being of children and families
- Are able to consistently provide multiple short (30-45 minute) \*rides each week
- Are willing to use state or personal vehicle (insurance required)
- Are able to pass federal and state background checks
- Are able to complete required online training
- Are able to commit to at least 6 months as an Child Welfare volunteer
- Are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and are willing to wear a mask while volunteering

\* A typical drive of about 10 miles is reimbursed at ~\$6 based on the federal reimbursement rate



For more information, visit  
<https://www.cp3oregon.org/marion-drivers>

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