

Clarice

Ingham County

Setting a positive example

Clarice is a parent who fosters and believes in creating an environment full of fun and emotional empowerment for the children in her home. She embraces the emotional reward of seeing the children learn, reach new developmental milestones and accomplish tasks that were at one time seen as impossible. Clarice truly teaches children lifelong lessons and sets positive examples of what loving relationships look like.

Clarice's love of caring for children is reflective in her group home status. She is licensed for six children, ranging in age from 0-16 years-of-age. Clarice's main focus is to be able to foster sibling groups and does so when available. Even as a single parent who works full-time, she is able to engage her foster children in afterschool activities and sports. She is known to attend community events with all five children in tow.

Clarice has been accommodating and has accepted children late in the day. She has been known to rearrange her schedule to accommodate her placements' needs. She is the first one to inform the agency of any concerns and is able to follow through when necessary. Clarice has taken placements of children of different ethnic backgrounds and would taste their cuisine and replicate favorite recipes. Clarice feels that everyone in her home is a family member and does not call her placements her "foster care kids." Clarice has become a wonderful asset to the foster care program and is open to expanding her license as needed for emergency purposes.

