



What is a foster closet? We are a 501(c)(3) based solely on community support, donations, and volunteers. Menominee County Foster Closet serves community members in Marinette County, WI, Oconto County, WI, and Menominee County, MI.

But what do you do? The U.P. Foster Closet of Menominee County serves families who are caring for children who are NOT their biological children. This can be grandparents caring for their grandchildren, aunts and uncles caring for their nieces/nephews, foster children through the MI and WI court systems, adoptions, delegation of parental authorities, etc. We provide new and like-new clothing items in addition to diapers, wipes, cribs, and other essential needs for the children and their caring family.

How many children are we talking about? Between the years of 2017-2019, Marinette County had a total of 172 children in foster care, while Menominee County had a total of 120 children. Each of these children would have been eligible to receive needed clothing and care items had a foster closet been established. But remember, foster children are not the only ones able to utilize the closet which makes this number served negligible. There are so many more children being cared for in Marinette, Oconto and Menominee County by caregivers that are not their biological parents. So essentially, the number of children that will be served by the foster closet WILL be higher than the numbers listed above!

Where are you located? Currently Menominee County Foster Closet is in an upstairs classroom at the DAR Boys and Girls Club. The DAR has so graciously allowed us to obtain a classroom (free of charge) to get up and running. While we have no monthly rent, we do have other expenses and monetary needs such as liability insurance, money to purchase bigger items for families when needed (such as beds, cribs, baby furniture). Further, there are additional annual expenses such as yearly solicitation renewals and ongoing insurance coverage.

How do you schedule an appointment? For privacy of our families and youth, we are open by appointment only. Please call 920-249-4162, e-mail us at UPFCMENOCO@gmail.com, or message us on our Facebook page (UP Foster Closet of Menominee County) to schedule an appointment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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