

Kids like these need families like yours.



Become a foster or adoptive parent.

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The Real Deal on Foster Care and Adoption

There are more than 500,000 children in foster care right now, and only about 150,000 families to care for them. More than 120,000 children are waiting for adoptive parents. If you live in Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont, consider becoming a family for a youth in your community. Here are some facts about children in foster care and the people who parent them:

THEY NEED YOU. Kids in your community – right now – need foster and adoptive families. There are more than a half-million children in care across the country and only 150,000 licensed foster care homes.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MARRIED, RICH, OR A HOMEOWNER. Foster and adoptive parents need to have stable, supportive relationships and adequate finances and living space, but there are no specific requirements about marital status, family structure, or home ownership.

ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE ARE FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS. Many foster and adoptive parents have not raised children; others find that foster children enrich their family life. The major requirement is the willingness to commit to a child or youth in foster care. Casey Family Services values diversity in all areas including gender, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation. We also welcome applications from families whose first language is not English.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Casey Family Services actively supports all our foster and adoptive parents. A team of social workers and other professionals will work with you

every step of the way. Foster and adoptive parents are an important voice for the child within the team.

YOU WILL BE A RESOURCE TO A CHILD OR YOUTH. Casey Family Services works closely with foster parents to help establish goals for the child in your care. You may be asked to help a child reunify with a birth parent or other family members. You may decide to adopt. You may help a child find and transition to another lifetime family.

YOU WILL RECEIVE FINANCIAL HELP. A monthly stipend will help cover costs related to caring for your foster child. Medicaid and/or the State Child Health Insurance Program will cover medical expenditures. Casey Family Services pays for certain other expenses. Additional supports may be available if you choose to adopt your foster child or another child from foster care.

YOU CAN BE THE CHANGE THAT MATTERS. The stability, love, and support you provide is often what children need to rebuild their lives.

For more information about how you can be the “real deal” for a child in foster care, contact your local Casey Family Services office and connect with a Casey parent or a member of our staff.

Call Casey Family Services today at 1.888.799.KIDS (5437). Our two Connecticut locations serve most of the state.

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