



## ADOPTING CHILDREN THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Creating or expanding your family through adoption is an enriching and rewarding experience. There are hundreds of children across Los Angeles County in need of a loving, stable home. If you are considering adoption or are looking for more information, visit [www.FosterLAKids.com](http://www.FosterLAKids.com).

An *adoptive parent* is someone that provides a permanent, safe, stable, and loving home for a child or children when it has been determined that they cannot safely be returned to their birth parents or relatives.

Be both a *foster parent* and an *adoptive parent*. Los Angeles County is in need of Resource Parents - adults who are able to provide a temporary home for a child or children through foster care. If the child/children cannot safely return to their family, Resource Parents can provide permanent homes through adoption.

The first step is to get approved as a *Resource Parent/Family*.

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- **Become a Resource Parent/Family.** This includes being a foster/adoptive parent and is specifically designed to help you discover what is right for you and your family. Los Angeles County's trainings and family assessments are conducted by friendly, experienced social workers that will work with you through the process.
- **You do not pay for completion of the approval process.** The process should be free, except potential expenses for medical screenings. Your social worker can help you identify low cost or free options for medical screenings if they are needed for medical clearances.
- **Los Angeles County offers post-adoption and reunion services.** Call the Post-Adoption Services (PAS) duty line if we can help you in any way: (800) 735-4984. Leave a message and a PAS duty worker will return your call promptly. Contact us at [adoptions@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:adoptions@dcfs.lacounty.gov).