



WHY BECOME A RESOURCE (FOSTER/ADOPTIVE) FAMILY?

Because a child needs you.

Every child deserves to feel loved, cared for and protected in a home. Resource families are invaluable in ensuring children feel supported and safe when they are unable to reside with their birth parents. Being a resource family may be right for you if you can provide a safe, stable, and loving home for a child in need.

Because we're here to help.

You don't have to do it alone. The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and our Children's Social Workers (CSWs) will help connect you with resources to help meet the child's needs and secure their well-being. Every child in foster care is automatically enrolled in Medi-Cal to ensure they receive appropriate health care at no cost to you as a resource family.

The DCFS social worker will also help to connect you to childcare or K-12 schooling that matches the needs of the foster child. All resource families receive a monthly stipend to cover other costs associated with caring for a child, including initial and back to school clothing allowances.

Because every child is different.

DCFS serves a wide variety of foster youth throughout Los Angeles County, all with different needs and backgrounds. There may be a child you can connect with because of similar backgrounds or experiences. Having empathy and respect for children in foster care, where they've been and where they are headed, is key.

Because you don't have to be perfect.

You don't need to know everything – no parent does! We'll help connect you with resources, so you know how to support and advocate for foster child or youth during the time they are in your home.

Because it's a great way to make a difference in your community.

One of the most important things for a child or youth in foster care that can change the path of their life is having one adult who cares. If you have support to give, there may be a young person who needs you. Let's get started together.

Visit www.FosterLAKids.com to learn more about resource families and foster care/adoption in Los Angeles County.