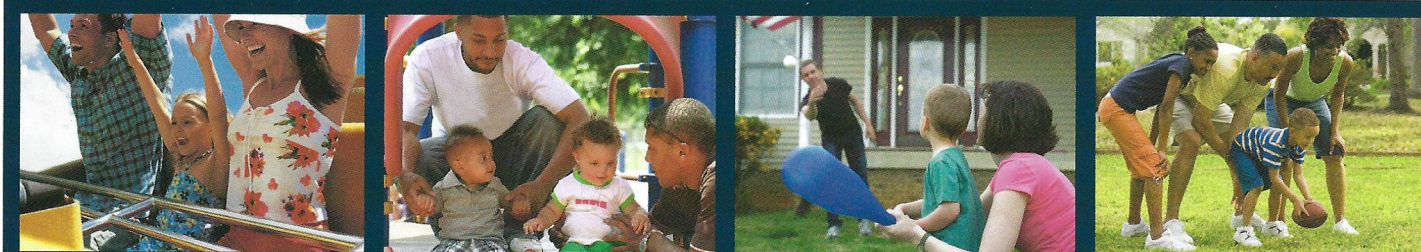


You Can Make a Difference!

Be a Foster or Adoptive Parent



Open your heart and your home



Children need the warmth and guidance of a family, especially siblings and teens.

Foster Care

Foster families provide a home for children who have been abandoned, neglected or abused. These children are in need of nurturing families who will help them heal and grow.

Adoption

Many children long for a forever family because they are not able to be reunited with their birth parents. Being an adoptive parent can change a child's life forever, as well as bring new joy and fulfillment to your family.



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1-877-NJ FOSTER
www.njfooster.org
1-800-99 ADOPT
www.njadopt.org

To become a foster or adoptive parent:

- ▶ You must be at least 18 years old.
- ▶ You can be single, married, in a domestic partnership or civil union.
- ▶ You can live in either a house or an apartment.
- ▶ You can have your own children or be parenting for the first time.

We will help you through the process of becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent.

This involves:

- ▶ Personal, employment, school and child care references
- ▶ Criminal background and child abuse history checks
- ▶ Pre-service training
- ▶ Interviews and assessments of all household members
- ▶ Home inspection

Support services are available for children in your care:

- ▶ Monthly board stipend
- ▶ Health insurance
- ▶ Child care services for employed parents