



Interesting facts about **Foster Care** and **Adoption**

Foster Kids do best in a Family Setting

(Makes sense, doesn't it?)



Resource Families...

(sometimes called Foster Families)

Provide a home, love, and stability for foster kids and work with birth parents in the hopes that the child can return home to a more safe environment.



Resource Families...

(sometimes called Foster Families)

Some resource families choose to adopt the foster kids in their home if they can not return to their birth family.



THERAPEUTIC RESOURCE FAMILIES



Receive specialized training to be able to care for kids with medical, behavioral and/or psychological special needs.

What should I know about Resource Parenting?

- Resource families work as a TEAM with the biological family and caseworkers.
- The length of time a child stays with a resource family depends on the situation.
- Resource families may adopt the children they have fostered if they are unable to return home.

Did you know?



Most foster children return to live with their families (after the problems that caused the issues are resolved)

BUT

While they are in foster care they need resource families to care for and support them until they can go home.

These are the children we most need Resource Family Homes for:



- Teens (age 13+)
- Sibling Groups (3+ children)
- Teen Moms
- Children who were sexually abused
- Children with psychological/developmental issues
- Children who act out aggressively or sexually
- Children with medical needs

To Be a Resource Family You Have To...

- Be a legal resident of Mississippi
- Be age 21 or older
- Be able to pass a criminal background check
- Be legally single or legally married
- Have less than 5 children living in your home
- Be financially self-supporting
- Have extra space in your home for foster children

**Talk to your friends and neighbors
about the need for foster and
adoptive families in our community.**



Do you know someone who...

- Has parenting experience?
- Works with special needs kids?
- Has the time and willingness to be involved in a child's life?
- Is willing to work with kids who have experienced trauma and may need time to establish trust?
- Is able to provide consistent, living and stable parenting to children who may test boundaries?



Foster kids in our county need families who have experience and care to offer.

Ask someone you know if they would consider becoming a Resource Family!

Steps to Become a Resource Family

- Call 800-821-9157 to request an application
- Complete the application and attend an orientation offered locally
- Attend Resource Parent training
- Schedule a Home Study with a local social worker

Becoming a Resource Family Can Take a Little While

We want to make sure you have the information and training to be able to meet the needs of kids in foster care,

And we need to make sure your home and lifestyle are safe for a foster child.

It's necessary because we all want to make sure that foster kids are in safe homes and resource families have the support they need!

HELP FOSTER KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY



Share one fact you
learned today about
resource parenting with
someone you know.

THANK YOU!!

OUR COUNTY LOVES RESOURCE FAMILIES!

FOSTER/ADOPT TODAY!



Guided Resource Initiatives Targeting Special Kids

Call 800-821-9157