

How long does it take to become a Resource Family?

Families may be approved and placement ready within 3-6 months. The timing depends upon how quickly a family completes the training and home assessment, submits the required documents, and the county receives verification of background check clearance.

What are the greatest needs?

- Unconditional Commitment for Children Aged 0-21
- Keeping Siblings Together
- Keeping Children in Their Home Schools
- Families for Teens, Parenting Teens and Young Adults
- Children Who Are Medically Fragile/Have Special Needs
- Supporting Birth Family Relationships
- Children with Intensive Therapeutic Needs

Children of all ages in foster care need loving and committed families. We need Resource Parents with a diversity of skills to care for children and siblings from birth through their teen age years and even young adulthood! Of critical importance is ensuring we have families who are willing and able to foster sibling sets to prevent additional trauma and separation. Additionally, for most children, their school of origin is their social and emotional anchor. Families receive additional compensation for transporting children to schools outside of a 3 mile distance from the home.

We Believe

Families can keep their children safe with support.

Children should be cared for in a familiar, nurturing, and safe environment.

Every child is entitled to thrive through stability (health, education, & placement), family connections, quality treatment, and a voice in planning.

Through partnership and support, parents can grow and change in order to safely parent their children.

And if the children cannot return home... We believe all children deserve a sense of belonging, permanent and unconditional commitment in a lifelong family.



What is the Resource Caregiver's role with birth families?

It is in the best interest of a child to be reunified with their birth family whenever it is safe to do so. Resource Families play a vital role in this process and are considered "co-parents". They frequently provide transportation to a child's family visits in order to offer the comfort and support children need during transitions to and from visits. They also understand and support the importance of children's bonds with their biological parents. It is critical that foster and relative caregivers understand the importance of fostering relationships with the children's biological parents, and help children to visit and reunify with their parents whenever possible. Resource Families are integral parts of the large safety network for both children and their parents.

For additional resources and information visit fosterVCkids.org or call us at 805.654.3220!



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We need to find loving families for children and youth in Ventura County. Become a Resource Parent and provide a child a home with heart!

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