

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION



THE PHASE
WHEN

NEW FAMILY

AND EVERYONE
IN THE HOME

IS INTRODUCED

CONFIRMS
THAT

“THIS IS HOME.”



8 WAYS TO SERVE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE:

- 1. PRAY**– Pray for the children in foster care, social workers, and foster/adoptive families.
- 2. SPREAD THE WORD**– The need for foster families is great learn about and tell others about the needs of kids in foster care.
- 3. VOLUNTEER**– We are not all called to foster or adopt, but we are all called to care (James 1:27)! There are many organizations in our area, like The CALL and CASA, that could use a help hand.
- 4. SUPPORT** a foster or adoptive family. Be the go-to person for a family that fosters or is adopting. Pray for them, babysit, or go to their children's functions.
- 5. BE A RESPITE CARE FAMILY**– Foster families need a break sometimes, respite care families provide this by being short-term foster families (overnight-one week).
- 6. BECOME A FOSTER FAMILY**– There are more foster children in Lonoke County than foster homes to care for them. There is an especially big need for families to care for sibling groups and teenagers.
- 7. ADOPT A CHILD** from foster care. There are hundreds of children in Arkansas waiting for a forever family. Many of them will age out of the system without a family.
- 8. BE A MENTOR**– Know a child in foster care? Serve as a mentor to them, your stable influence will be much appreciated.

Each child needs a temporary foster home and some will need an adoptive home.

IT IS NOT THEIR FAULT.

Abuse or neglect brings children into care. They need stable, supportive families to help them heal and grow but there aren't enough foster families to provide a safe place for kids to call home.

TEENS NEED A PLACE TO CALL HOME TOO!

IDEAL FOSTER PARENTS FOR TEENS:

EMPTY NESTERS

You have recently dealt with teen issues and have experience to draw from in parenting this age. You are already in the groove of parenting children and can more easily add a teen to your family.

SINGLE INDIVIDUALS

(without small children) – You can foster same-sex teenagers and be a

COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN

You can work well together to be an advocate for an abused or neglected teenager. This child may not be with you long, but, especially with older teens, you can be instrumental in launching them into the next stage of their lives. You have the benefit of being able to work as a team in providing oversight and a stable home environment.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- The CALL is an organization that mobilizes Christian families to foster/adopt children from Arkansas foster care.
- thecallinarkansas.org

IT'S JUST A
PHASE
SO DON'T MISS IT

PHASE

A TIMEFRAME

— IN A — WHEN YOU CAN

KID'S LIFE

LEVERAGE

DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO INFLUENCE

THEIR FUTURE.