



## Thank you Foster Parents!

Over 400 kids are now in Foster Care in El Dorado County. Foster Parents make all the difference for these children.

### Foster Parents:

Love

*Protect*

Heal

**Strengthen**

Teach

*Uplift*

Encourage

**Nourish**

Guide

*Inspire*

**Cherish**

## Want to become a Foster Parent?

Our staff in Foster Care Licensing can help you fill out the paperwork and get the training you need:

Call (530) 642-7100

### **Foster Care Licensing**

*is a program of the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency. We are committed to treating all individuals with courtesy, dignity and respect.*

### **Our Vision:**

*Transforming Lives and Improving Futures*



### Contact Us:

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Foster Care Licensing**  
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# Foster Parenting



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## Who is a Foster Child?

*Who am I? I am a child who needs help right now. I don't know what the words "neglect" and "abuse" mean. But I know I am confused and I am scared. I need a place where I can feel safe again. Can you help?*

### Children often come into Foster Care because of:

- Neglect or abandonment
- Domestic violence
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Exposure to drugs in the womb or severe parental drug use
- Parents going to jail

**Children can come into Foster Care at any age, from newborn to teenagers.**

## What is a Foster Parent?

**Foster parents fill an important role in the life of a foster child. They:**

- Provide a safe home, clothing and good food to eat
- Offer support and nurturing
- Drive the child to school, sports, court appearances and visits
- Make sure the child gets to medical, dental and counseling appointments
- Arrange for the care of the child if he or she has special needs
- Teach the child basic life and social skills
- May supervise visits of the child with his or her parents

*Foster Parents can be married or single, employed full-time or retired.*

*Support, training and respite care are offered to Foster Parents.*

*Monthly reimbursements are given to Foster Parents to help pay for food, clothing and other needs of the child. Medical, dental and mental health services are provided for the child through Medi-Cal.*

*Did you know Superman was a Foster child?*



## How to Become a Foster Parent

A license is required to become a Foster Parent and operate a foster home. Here are the required steps:

- Attend an orientation meeting & fill out an application
- Complete a 21-hour Foster Parenting training (offered at no-cost through the local colleges)
- Be First Aid and CPR certified
- Pass a background check, health screening and home visit from our staff

**We will help guide and support you through the process of becoming a Foster Parent.**