

IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE

# We are looking for foster parents



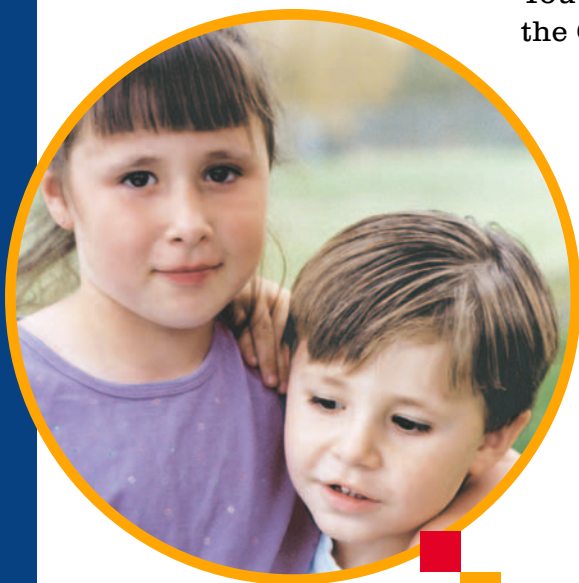
*Contra Costa County*  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES**

# What is a Family Resource Home?

Removing a child from their family is always painful. But placement in a Family Resource Home will help ease much of that stress for the child and their family. Family Resource Homes are foster homes strategically located in or near a foster child's neighborhood. Familiar support systems that the child clings to can be kept in place.

You will play an important role in this troubled family. You'll be a role model for the parents and a safe haven for the child.

You'll work closely with the Children & Family Services staff following a plan that will help a family reunify with their child.



# Who is eligible to become a Resource Family?

Foster Parents can be married, single, or same gender couples. You may or may not have children of your own. You don't have to own your own home, and you may live in an apartment.

Foster Parents come from all ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds.

**To be licensed for foster care, you will need to fill out an application and:**

- Live in Contra Costa County
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be fingerprinted
- Have an income that covers the needs of your own family

**Your home must meet these requirements:**

- There must be adequate bedroom space to accommodate all family members, including foster children
- Your home, inside and out, must be safe and in good condition



# Here's what we want you to do...



Call our toll free number  
**(866) 313-7788**  
or  
**(925) 335-7179**

We will invite you to the next informational meeting in your neighborhood. Find out how you can become a Foster Family Resource Home.

You'll be making an important difference in the life of a child, their family and your community.





*Today, right near  
your home, is*


*a child  
who needs  
foster care.*

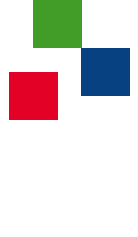
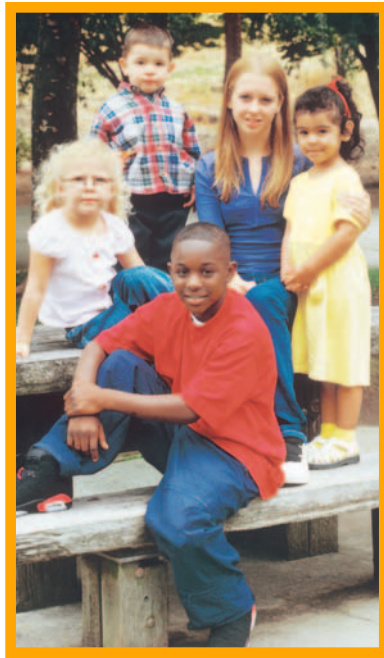


In Contra Costa  
County, we  
protect nearly  
2,200 children  
each year who  
have been abused  
or neglected.

To each child,  
this means  
leaving friends  
behind. Starting  
over at a new  
school. Not  
attending the  
same church.  
Dropping off the  
soccer team they  
love. Sleeping  
in a strange bed.  
Eating meals  
that may not  
be familiar.

And while they  
are undergoing  
all these huge  
changes, they are  
grieving for their  
old, familiar way  
of life, and for  
their family,  
regardless of the  
abuse or neglect.





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## Children & Family Services

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for a child  
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