



*Louisiana*

**FOSTERS**

LOUISIANA'S CHILDREN - OUR CHILDREN

*A statewide campaign linking government, faith, nonprofit, business and service communities in support of foster parents and children.*



**Everyone can do something.**



**Foster / Adopt a Child**

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## Foster / Adopt a Child

Foster parents play a special role in the life of a child who, because of abuse or neglect, has had to leave their family. Foster parents take care of the child's daily needs, providing love, support, guidance and nurturing.

Louisiana offers a dual certification for foster and adoptive parents. A family may specify they wish to do only one, but the certification is for both and is required.

## Requirements

- At least 21 years of age
- Single, married, divorced or widowed
- Financially stable (able to meet own family's needs)
- Good physical, emotional and mental health
- Adequate space in home for additional children
- Pass state and federal criminal clearances
- Attend 21 hours of pre-service training
- Participate in home study process

## For More Information

Visit the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services website at [www.dcfhs.la.gov/foster](http://www.dcfhs.la.gov/foster), or email us at [LouisianaFosters@la.gov](mailto:LouisianaFosters@la.gov).