



Foster Children Need a Home With Love and Understanding

They are all ages, colors, and sizes. They have been abused and neglected and sometimes, have special emotional and developmental needs. They often have brothers and sisters.

Ambassadors for Children is an agency that provides support to local abused & neglected children. As we provide education about our other programs, we also recruit foster and adoptive parents for local children, provide basic information, and then refer those interested to agencies that provide foster and adoptive parent training & licensing.

Foster Parents serve as resource families to meet the needs of their foster children. Foster care provides substitute parenting and family life until the child can return home or until other permanent living arrangements can be made. While the goal of foster care is to reunite the child & family, if this is not possible, foster parents may be considered as an adoptive resource.

Adoptive Parents provide permanent, safe, and stable homes for children. Adoption is an option for children who have been in foster care and whose birth parents are unable to provide them with adequate social, emotional, and physical care. Adoption from foster care is often referred to as "special needs adoption." Adoption subsidy is available.

Assistance Provided by the Children's Division includes monthly financial assistance, medical/dental needs covered by Medicaid, annual clothing allowance of \$250-\$480 depending upon child's age, free education & training, and additional support services to meet the child's needs.

Free Training is provided to foster and adoptive parents by the Children's Division and other local agencies (see list below).

For More Information about training, please contact:
Greene County Children's Division: 417-895-6562
Missouri Baptist Children's Home: 417-831-2342 ext. 40
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families: 417-865-1777
Lutheran Family & Children's Services: 417-862-1972 or
1-866-326-LFCS

To learn more about **Ambassadors for Children** and programs that support abused, neglected, and foster children in the Ozarks, contact:

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Foster/Adoptive Parents are People Like You.

*These are the requirements
for fostering or adopting.*

- *Willing to open your heart and home to a child*
- *21 years of age or older with adequate income*
- *Married or single (with our without children)*
- *Own or rent a home, apartment, condo, or other residence with safe and adequate space for children*
- *Be in good physical and mental health*
- *Be willing to be part of a team*
- *Complete a free training and assessment program*
- *Complete a child abuse/neglect and criminal background check*

