

HOW DO I BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

To learn more or to take the first step, visit our website at www.fosterarkansas.org.

You'll find all the general requirements to become a foster parent there.

You'll also find the Foster Parent Inquiry Form, which is the first official step in the foster journey.

If you have questions, please call or visit the DCFS Facebook page.

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what to know
about...

**KIDS
IN
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MOST URGENT NEEDS

While we need foster homes for all of our kids in foster care, we especially need homes for teens and for sibling groups.

WHY TEENS?

Every child comes to us from some sort of traumatic experience. Teens feel this more than others, and they need extra support and guidance.

WHY SIBLINGS?

Siblings were family before they came into foster care. They have the right to remain a family while in foster care.

SCOPE OF THE NEED

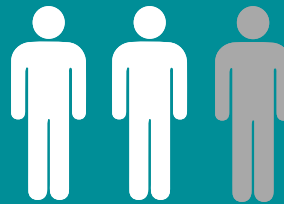
On any given day, there are thousands of kids in foster care in Arkansas, and not nearly enough foster families for them all.

HOMES ARE BEST

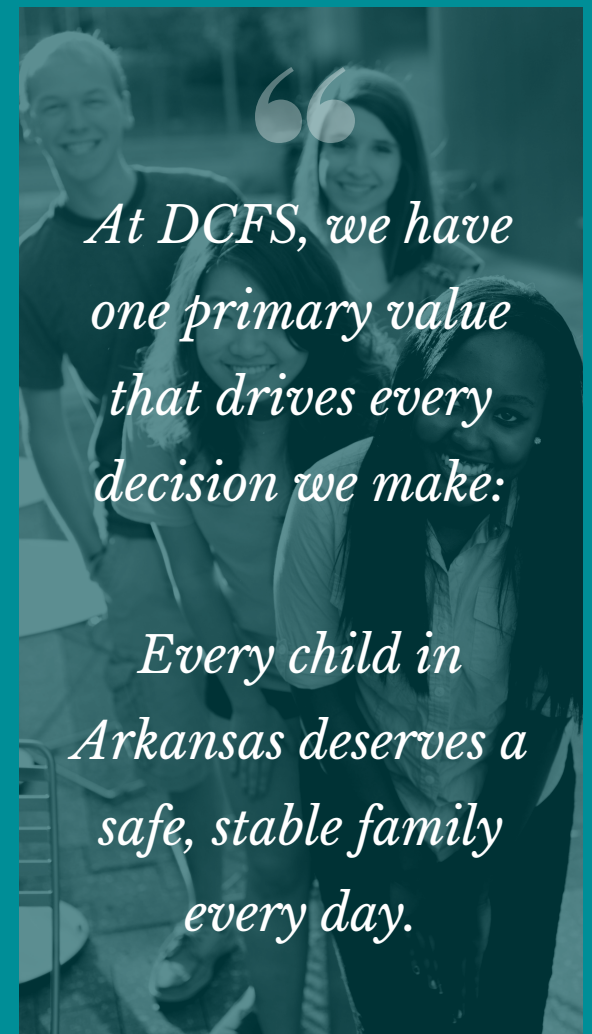
Kids in foster care do better in homes, not facilities. We need caring, patient, and flexible foster families who can provide temporary care to kids while we work to get them safely back home to their original families as quickly as possible.

KEY STATISTICS

- Most children enter foster care because of parental substance abuse and neglect.
- **2 out of 3** kids in foster care leave care to go back home or to a relative.



- **1 out of 4** kids in foster care are placed with a relative while in care.



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At DCFS, we have one primary value that drives every decision we make:

Every child in Arkansas deserves a safe, stable family every day.