



We need more families like yours to give a child a temporary home

The Foster Home Shortage

CPS INVESTIGATIONS ◀

Every day, the office of state child welfare receives calls reporting potential child abuse or neglect. If warranted, the child is removed from the potential danger until a thorough investigation can be completed.

TEMPORARY PLACEMENT ◀

The state contacts agencies like ours, looking for a local family whose preferences match the child's age, gender, race and other factors. If a match isn't found, the child will be placed in a residential facility or shelter until a matching family becomes available.

THE CHALLENGE ◀

There are always far more children coming into foster care than available families. And many foster families won't accept a child who doesn't match their preferences. If there are no available homes or facilities locally, the child is sent away from their familiar surroundings where families are available.

IT'S ABOUT THE CHILD ◀

Fostering is about helping a child, who through no fault of their own, needs a safe, temporary home while receiving love and understanding. This requires a family determined to do what it takes to help a child. Which might include fostering a child who doesn't exactly match their preferences, or taking a sibling group so they can stay together, or taking a teen that nobody else wants.

An Arrow foster mom shares about fostering



One of our foster moms shares insights on foster care in a series of videos at the web address below. They're informative and inspirational! Please take a look.

www.arrow.org/mom

Q **What does it take to become a foster or adoptive parent with Arrow?**

Requirements include being financially stable without the foster care stipend, having an adequate home size, passing a background check, completing pre-service training, and completing an evaluation Home Study.

Q **What kind of training is required?**

Beyond the initial 7 courses of Pre-Service training, additional classroom training equivalent to 30 hours are required annually, but there are ample opportunities to fulfill requirements.

Q **How long does licensing take?**

If paperwork is submitted in a timely fashion, and training classes are taken when offered, a family could anticipate being ready to accept a child into their home in 90-120 days.

Q **What type of homes are needed most?**

Families who are willing to take older children ages eight years and up, and sibling groups of three or more. Since there aren't enough homes available for these children, many times they are placed in an institutional setting until a home becomes available.

Q **Now what?**

We have several convenient opportunities each month to participate in a live info webinar where you can get more details and you have all your questions answered. Visit the web address below for current dates and times.



www.arrow.org/meeting