

## What are my steps to becoming a Foster Parent?

- ◇ Contact Isleta Social Services for an application.
- ◇ Complete a Release to initiate background check.
- ◇ Set up an interview for a home assessment.
- ◇ Participate in Foster Care orientation and training
- ◇ Determine the type of Foster Care you'd like to do.
- ◇ Obtain an approved Foster Home License.
- ◇ Await your arrival!



For More Information:  
505-869-2772 or 505-869-5288

Foster Hope.  
Foster Love.  
Foster a Child.



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**Isleta  
Social Services**

**Foster Care  
&  
Adoption  
Program**

▶ Foster Hope  
in a Child...

Foster Parents needed!

## Become a Foster Parent!

As a foster parent, you open your heart and home to a child during a time of crisis or change. Your guidance and support will assist the child to cope with their challenges while providing a safety and nurturing environment temporarily while their families work on their issues.



### TYPES OF FOSTER CARE

#### Emergency Foster Care:

Provides immediate needs of the child at the time of crisis and a child needs emergency placement.

Short-term Foster Care: Provides ongoing care to a child for more than 30 days.

Long-term Foster Care: Provides an extend length of care for the child that may potentially lead to permanent guardianship.

Kinship Care: Refers to a child being placed with relatives to provide their needed care.

Respite: provides relief to other foster parents when a break is needed. Typically relief is a few hours in an 8 hour period.

And Treatment Foster Care: Specially trained to care for children with certain medical or behavioral needs

### How do I know if I am ready to Foster a Child?

- ◆ You can be single or Married
- ◆ You are at least 21 years of age
- ◆ You own or rent your home
- ◆ You do not need to have children of your own
- ◆ You are self-supporting
- ◆ You will pass a criminal background check
- ◆ You are willing to provide care and share your time with a child.
- ◆ You are patient and willing to understand a child's prospective.
- ◆ You are able to protect & nurture.
- ◆ Willing to work as a team.



### What is Adoption?

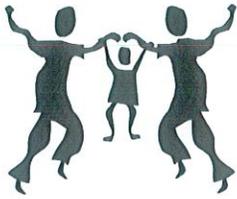
Adoption makes it possible for children to become a permanent part of your family when they cannot return to their biological family.

Adoption allows children to enjoy the independence, belonging and permanence that a lifelong family provides.



### Who Are In Need?

Children from Isleta ranging in ages infant to 17 years old.  
Some come alone, some have a sibling we hope to keep together.  
Some are boys and some are girls.  
Some are silly, some need more laughter.  
Some are shy, some need more attention.  
Some are sad, some are happy.  
All are Precious, All are Unique,  
ALL DESERVE A CHANCE!



# YES! I want to HELP!

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in becoming a:  Foster Parent  Adoptive Parent

Parent #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent # 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List Name and Age of Children in Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  Single Never Married  Couple Never Married

Have you ever inquired with Isleta Social Services Foster Care Program before?  Yes  No

What days and times would work best for you to attend foster care meetings and trainings?

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

Morning  Afternoon  Evening



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