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Room in Your Heart for One More?

Right now, over 600 SF foster youth are in need of a permanent home. SFUSD is committed to supporting foster youth in finding a permanent family right here in San Francisco. It is a proven fact that youth in stable homes do better in school. Currently, studies show:

- 35% of foster youth experience four or more school changes
- Each school move results in a four to six month loss of educational progress

What is Foster Care?

Foster Care may be a temporary placement, which assists children in preparing for return to their birth parents or for a more permanent home.

- Social workers visit the home on a regular basis to provide services and support
- Foster parents receive ongoing financial and medical assistance

What is Adoption?

If a child is not able to reunify with their birth family, adoption makes it possible for children to become a part of a family legally.

- Social workers will help families explore the option of adoption
- Financial and medical assistance is available to most adoptive families

Why Foster or Adopt?

Every person will have their own reasons, but at the heart of it is the desire to provide a stable, loving family.

- In San Francisco, there are hundreds of children in the foster care system
- A stable family can make all the difference to a child.
- Welcoming a child into your family will enrich your life as only children can

Qualities

The most important qualities considered in the selection of foster and adoptive parents are:

- The desire to love and parent a child
- The ability to nurture
- An understanding of children
- Patience
- Flexibility
- The ability to provide a safe and stable home

Who Can Become an Adoptive or Foster Parent?

- You can be single, married or domestic partners
- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You may own or rent your home
- You do not need to have children of your own
- You must be self-supporting
- You must pass a criminal background check

Other Ways to Support

Provide a Supportive Community

- Respite Care
- Back-up Childcare
- Mentor
- Donate
- Spread the Word... “Be the One or Find the One”

For more information...

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