

International Family Services

Texas Foster Care and Adoption Program

International Family Services is a licensed Child Placing Agency in the State of Texas. We contract with the state to place children in loving foster homes and to provide adoption services for these children. We are a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization.



Foster Care Program

International Family Services has a heart for children! We are looking for families or singles that share our passion to provide loving, safe homes for the many children in Texas in need of a temporary home. We feel that our best asset as an organization is that when you work with us, we treat you like family. We know that when you bring a child into your home that you will need a friend, a professional, a counselor and a strong agency that can stand behind you. Although International Family Services is a large agency, our foster program is small allowing both the resources and experience of the large agency and the personal connection of a small family. Our goal is to make sure that your family stays healthy and grows stronger through the foster care experience.

Children in our foster care program range in age from infants to 17. All of the children have experienced some kind of trauma, whether it is losing their parents or having been abused by someone they love. There are children that need to learn life skills and children that need healthy meals and warm beds. Sibling groups and teen mothers are in need. Our children come from all different races, cultures and backgrounds. You can chose to have just one child or more than one. IFS will give you the resources and support you need to make a life-changing difference for a child.

Who can foster?

Basic Requirements:

- U.S. Citizens
- 21 Years Old to 75 Years Old
- Singles welcome!
- Speak fluent English
- Clean criminal record
- No history of child abuse
- Have dependable transportation
- Have adequate sleeping space
- Attend agency provided training
- Be able to meet your current financial obligations
- Agree to a non-physical discipline policy for foster children



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How does it work?

Children are placed in the custody of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS). International Family Services provides the training and home certification for our families to be licensed foster homes. This process can take 1-3 months. Once a home is licensed, IFS works with TDFPS to match a specific child (or children) with a foster family that can meet the needs of that child. IFS coordinates the initial meeting between the family and the child and provides an orientation for the child in your home. IFS and the foster family enroll the child in school, sign the child up for recreational activities and coordinate the transfer of medical and dental records. IFS provides 24 hour support for our foster families.

The foster family provides love and structure for the child, works with IFS staff so that the child can visit family members (if appropriate) and works toward the goal of reunifying the child with their parent(s) or family members. Some children will be adoptable. As a foster family you may choose to pursue an adoption with your foster child or advocate for your foster child with potential adoptive families.

Our children have state insurance that covers all of their medical, dental, vision, prescription and mental health costs. The state also reimburses your family for the costs associated with caring for a child. For more detailed information please see our Frequently Asked Questions page.



Other Areas of Need

There are many ways to help the foster kids! We are always in need of supplies for the children including clothing, beds, school supplies, coats, etc. We have activities we provide for the children and can use financial donations to offset these expenses, food and recreation equipment. We need funds for camp scholarships. We need mentors for the children. We need people to provide babysitting services and respite care for our foster families. We want to get the word out that we need foster families and need your help as an advocate for these wonderful children! As a 501(c)3, we can provide donation receipts.



Are you ready to take that step? Can you imagine the life-long impact you can have on a foster child? Do you still have questions? Let us know!

I want to get started!

If you are ready to get started on your journey toward being a foster parent with IFS, give us a call! We will have you fill out our application material and you will need to attend an orientation meeting with us. You will attend classes with our staff and you will need to get CPR/First Aid certified. We give credit for previous training!

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