



You Can Help...

- **Pray** for the children and the families caring for them.
- **Spread the word** to friends, family and co-workers about the need for foster homes.
- **Invite** us to speak at your church or host an orientation meeting.
- **Raise** support and provide supplies for a child who is in foster care.
- **Donate** to Arizona Baptist Children's Services; ABCS is a Qualifying Foster Care Organization under the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit (abcs.org/taxcredit).
- **Volunteer** to watch children while foster/adoptive parents attend a monthly support group or training session.
- **Become a foster or adoptive parent!**

If you are interested in joining our next pre-service training class or getting more information, please call us.

Contact us

abcs.org/fc | (800) 678-0648

Counties of Service

Coconino
Maricopa
Pima
Pinal
Yavapai
Yuma

Arizona Department of Child Safety

(877) 543-7633
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Core Values

Honor God in all we do

Build relationships through trust and respect

Be a good steward with what we have been given

Do everything with excellence

ABCS serves the full spectrum of Arizona families, from unborn babies to seniors.



Arms of Love Foster Care

A ministry of Arizona Baptist Children's Services

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We partner with the state to provide foster care and adoption services for those wishing to provide safe, loving Christian homes for the more than 19,000 children in care.

Become a foster parent

Call (800) 678-0648 or visit abcs.org/fc for more information

Arms of Love Foster Care is a ministry of Arizona Baptist Children's Services & Family Ministries. We are a licensing agency contracted by the state of Arizona to work with adoptive and foster parents.

Our goal is to develop and maintain open, supportive relationships with foster families as they serve hurting families with the love of Christ.

Services Include:

- Monthly home visits
- Regular telephone contact
- Ongoing training
- Material support
- Foster care licensing
- Adoption certification

State Requirements: Foster care providers must be licensed and certified by the state. You can be married, single or divorced. You must:

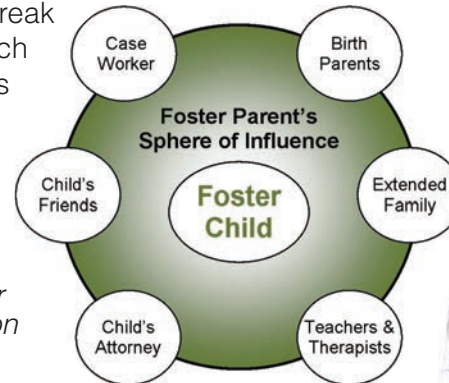
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have space for additional children
- Have a stable income
- Pass a DCS background check
- Pass a criminal background check

The Road to Becoming a Licensed Foster Parent

We view foster care as a mission field and foster families as missionaries. Foster parents minister in their own living rooms as they open their hearts and homes to children and care for their varied and often challenging needs.

Opportunities to show the love and hope found in Jesus Christ are endless as families serve not only the children, but all those involved in the children's lives. We encourage foster families to support and minister to the children's birth families while they work to break destructive family cycles. For each child, the ministry opportunities stretch beyond one child to entire families and future generations.

Attend an orientation to learn more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent. Contact us for the time and place of an orientation near to you.



This multi-step process usually takes at least 3 months

- 1 Pre-service Training
- 2 Home study & background checks
- 3 Home Inspection



FAQs...

What is a foster home? A foster home provides temporary care for children who come into foster care when the Department of Child Safety (DCS) removes them as a result of family breakdown, addictions, illness, abuse or serious neglect.

How long do foster children typically stay in a foster home? The length of time can range from hours to months.

How much does it cost to become a foster parent? There is no cost.

Can I specify the age, gender and number of children I would like to care for? Yes. You will specify this information with your licensing worker before a child is placed with you.

Can I adopt a foster child? If a child cannot be returned to their birth parents, they may become legally free for adoption. Many foster parents have adopted children through foster care. If you are specifically interested in adoption, please ask us about our adoption from foster care program.

What compensation will I receive as a foster parent? You will receive monthly reimbursement based on the child's age and needs. Medical, dental and childcare expenses for foster children are also covered.

