



There's a critical need for Resource Families throughout Mono County. Currently, there are only three Resource Family Homes in the county. We are in need of more homes to help children remain in their communities and not be placed in out of County homes, far from all they know and love.



**Mono County
Resource Family
Approval (RFA)
Program**

**YOU can make a difference
in the life of a child in your
community...**



What is a Resource Family?

- All children need and deserve a safe, loving, nurturing, accepting and consistent place to live where they can thrive and mature. Becoming a Resource Family caregiver provides a home for a child to do just that.
- A Resource Family is an individual, couple or family who wants to provide care to a related or unrelated child who is under the care of a county child welfare or probation agency.
- A Resource Family has successfully met approval standards which include building and ground inspection, risk assessment, background clearances, training and a permanency assessment as established in the Resource Family Written Directives.
- Resource Families support connecting children to safe caring relationships that can last a lifetime by focusing on families. Supportive and loving long-term relationships lead to stable permanent placements and improved permanency outcome for children, youth and young adults.

How Do I Become a Resource Family?

Mono County Social Services staff will work with you to become a Resource Family. This new process is a unified, family friendly, child centered and streamlined application process. It will eliminate duplication and increase approval standards of all families that want to foster, adopt or provide legal guardianship to a child. The following is a partial list of requirements:

- Criminal record check/Live Scan
- Informational Meeting, Orientation and Pre-Approval Training
- Home environment assessment
- Permanency Assessment
- CPR/First Aid Certification
- Health and TB Screening
- In-home visits with all adults and children, youth and young adults
- Reference checks
- Verification and completed application forms

Upon approval, a Resource Family is considered to be approved for providing foster care, becoming a guardian or adopting a child without going through additional processes. Approval does not guarantee the placement of a child.



Who Can Be A Resource Family?

Resource Families are individuals, married couples or families. You may or may not have children of your own. You don't have to own your own home and you may live in an apartment/condo. Resource Families come from all ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds.

To be a Resource Family, you will need to:

- Live in Mono County
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have an income that covers the needs of your own family
- Have adequate bedroom space to accommodate all family members, including foster children
- Your home, inside and out must be safe and in good condition.

Please give us a call or email:

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