



Consider Becoming a
Resource Family Today

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Mono County Department
of Social Services

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Mono County Resource Family Approval Program

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

Streamlined Foster Care and Adoption Process
for Children, Youth, and Young Adults



What is a Resource Family?

Resource Family Approval (RFA) is a new caregiver approval process that a foster parent, relative, non-relative extended family member, or adoptive family completes to be considered for potential placement of a child, youth, or young adult.

When children cannot safely live with their own families due to abuse, neglect or abandonment a Resource Family can provide a safe, stable, and loving place to live where children can thrive and mature. In most cases placements are temporary while social workers help families to reunite. Some placements lead to adoption

Upon approval, a Resource Family is considered to be approved for providing foster care, adoption or legal guardianship, and will not have to undergo for any additional approval or licensure. Approval does not guarantee the placement of a child.

How Do I Become a Resource Family?

Mono County Social Services staff will work with you to become a Resource Family. 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.*
- *Verifications and completed application.*



Who Can Be A Resource Family?

Resource Families are individuals, couples (married or unmarried), 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 sexual orientation, 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. We can help you to achieve this.*

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