

make a difference!

Resource Family Information nights are held locally each month. Please join us at orientation to find out more about Foster Care and the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process. Call today!

RFA HOTLINE: 707.499.3410



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FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE
EDUCATION PROGRAM

"Making a difference in the lives of children"

Call 707.476.4455

NEW DIRECTIONS OF
HUMBOLDT FOSTER
FAMILY ASSOCIATION



All community members are invited to join the local foster parent association. Call for information about the next meeting.

Contact Melissa Norwood, 707.498.8512
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top 10 reasons to foster a teen

1. No diapers to change.
2. We sleep through the night.
3. We will be ready to move out sooner.
4. You don't just get a child, you get a friend.
5. We will keep you up to date on the latest trends.
6. We don't need a babysitter.
7. No bottles or formula required.
8. We can help with chores around the house.
9. We can learn from you how to be a positive member of the community.
10. We can teach you all about your computers and smartphones!

Humboldt County Teens NEED Humboldt County Homes

HUMBOLDT COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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www.humboldt.gov/145/Probation-Department

Resource Family Care through Juvenile Probation



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looking for hope...



Currently, only three foster homes in all of Humboldt County accept teenagers on juvenile probation.

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**TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CALL THE HUMBOLDT
COUNTY PROBATION
DEPARTMENT.**

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Every Child Needs A Family

Foster care is designed to provide out-of-home care and supervision for youth who have been removed from their own home.

Humboldt County

Youth requiring out-of-home care should remain in their own communities whenever possible in order to build and maintain supportive relationships. The ideal scenario is to keep youth with their own family, relatives or non-related extended family members. However, when that is not possible we look for foster families from the same community as the youth.

Resource Family Approval

Resource Family Approval is a new caregiver approval process that a foster parent, relative, non-related extended family member (NREFM) or adoptive family completes to be considered for potential placement of a child, youth, or young adult (non-minor dependents from 18-21 years old).

RFA combines elements of the current foster care licensing, relative and NREFM approval, adoption and guardianship processes into one application and approval process.

Extended Foster Care

Extended foster care provides support to foster care youth up to their 21st birthday. This provides transition-age youth an opportunity to gain independent living skills in a home-based environment.

frequently asked questions

What are the basic requirements?

You must be at least 21 years of age, be physically and emotionally healthy, be able and willing to care for youth, able to pass a criminal background check and meet all other licensing requirements.

Do I have choices about placement?

As a foster parent you are able to specify what age group and gender of youth you want to work with. A probation officer will work with you to arrange suitable placements for your family. You may review the youth's files, interview them, and take your time to consider whether the youth would be a good fit in your home. Foster parents are never required to accept any specific placement.

What kind of training will I receive?

12 hours of PreService training, as well as CPR and First Aid are provided free of cost by the College of the Redwoods Foster & Kinship Care Education program. The youth will also have an assigned probation officer that can assist with any questions or needs that arise as well as an on-call probation officer that can be reached outside of normal business hours.

Other home and family information:

It is not necessary to own your own home. Single people, couples and families (with or without children) can become foster parents.

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