

Quality foster parents play an extremely important role in the safety and healing of children and non minor dependents in out-of-home care. In many cases the bond you form with these children will be life-long, making foster parent support and guidance crucial to the positive development of a child and support to a young adult.

Every effort is made to place children in homes that will reduce the disruption and confusion in their lives and encourage eventual reunification with their family. Fortunately, most children in Glenn County are placed with relatives but in some cases, children are unable to reunify with their parents and need a permanent family.



As a foster parent, you will be a member of the child's team and work closely with the social worker, other professionals to assist in reunification efforts, when reunification is possible. You may work directly with the child's biological (bio) family to support the continued relationship between the child and their bio-parents as well as extended family members.

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## A Glenn County Foster Parent:

- ♥ Is a committed advocate for children, family, and permanency;
- ♥ Integrates child fully into their home and supports the child's connection to culture, family and background;
- ♥ Provides nurturing, individualized parenting;
- ♥ Is a fully engaged member of the child's team.



- ♥ Foster families provide a supportive and stable family environment for children who cannot live with their biological (bio) parents. The goal is to provide nurturing parental care, guidance, safety, and stability until the bio-family's issues are resolved.
- ♥ Foster care is meant to be temporary; many foster families often provide care to many different children during the course of their service to the community.
- ♥ Licensed foster families may also choose to be a "Respite Care Provider" to provide nurturing care for children for a little as a weekend.

**Do you have room in your heart  
to foster a child?**



Give children in need a safe and stable home in a nurturing environment - become a foster parent!

To learn more about how you can positively impact children's lives please call:

**Foster Family Home Licensing Program (FFHL)**  
at **(530) 934-1550** for more information

*Glenn County Health & Human Services Agency  
P.O. Box 611 - Willows, CA 95988*



## Quality Foster Family homes are especially needed for:

- ♥ older youth and teenagers
- ♥ drug-exposed infants
- ♥ sibling groups
- ♥ non minor dependents (NMD)
- ♥ pregnant and parenting teen mothers
- ♥ children with special medical, emotional, developmental, and educational needs

Foster parents fulfill a vital role in ensuring that children are safe, nurtured to grow and thrive, and experience a sense of permanency while they are in care. In Glenn County, we are need urgent need of quality foster homes to avoid placing children out of county. Local foster homes allow children to stay connected to their families, schools, friends, and community.

## Become a Foster Parent

Prospective parents can be single, two-parent, or same gender families of all ethnicities, and must be financially self-supporting.

To be licensed for foster care, you will need to attend an initial orientation and additionally:

- ♥ Be a Glenn County resident
- ♥ Be at least 18 years old
- ♥ Complete the application packet
- ♥ Have an income that covers the needs of your entire family
- ♥ Hold a current California Drivers License, current registration, and proof of car insurance
- ♥ Be willing to submit to a background check (each adult in the home)
- ♥ Be in good physical and mental health to ensure that you can meet the needs of children coming into your home (A physical exam is required)

### Your home must also meet the following qualifications:

- ♥ Adequate bedroom space to accommodate all family members including foster children
- ♥ Your home, inside and out, must be safe, in good condition; pass basic fire and health inspections

Call **(530) 934-1550** today to schedule an informal meeting to learn the process, ask questions, and decide if foster parenting or respite care is right for your family.

## How the process works

From beginning to end, a licensed social worker will be at your side to answer questions, support, and equip you with the tools and access to ongoing training to serve in your role as a quality foster parent.

### 1. Applications and Orientation

*Provide information about your family and motivation for becoming a foster parent. The orientation is an informal meeting to learn about the process and ask questions.*

### 2. Training

*Attend required hours of pre-licensing training taught by the Butte College Kinship Care staff and become certified in First-Aid and CPR.*

### 3. At-Home Consultation

*The licensing social worker will meet with your family in your home to insure your ability to provide a suitable environment.*

### 4. Complete & Pass a Criminal Background Check

*All adults in the home must obtain a criminal record clearance and a child abuse index clearance.*

### 5. Licensure/Placement

*After your official approval, you will make decision about the ages, behaviors, and number of the children you feel you can successfully integrate into your family home environment on a temporary basis.*