



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ): FOSTER PARENTING

Q. Is there a need in my community for foster care and adoption?

A: Yes! The world we live in today is very difficult for parents due to the increase of drugs, violence, mental health issues, and financial hardships. As a result, local children suffer every day from abuse, neglect, parental absence, and other family problems. These children need adults who will temporarily share their homes and families while their own families learn to heal. Homes are needed in every neighborhood so that children will not have to leave their school behind.

We can all agree that the very best place for a child to be is in a family. Unfortunately, there are many children who cannot safely live with their parents. There are currently more than 400,000 children in the U.S. who reside in some form of foster care. Of those 400,000, approximately 100,000 children are legal orphans, with no permanent place to call home. When relatives are unable to provide a temporary home for these children, foster parents become the temporary family for them. Sometimes children will never be able to return home and live safely with their parents. Adoptive parents become the permanent family for many of these children.

Q: Why should I become a foster or adoptive parent with Aldea?

A: We work very hard to create a supportive environment where foster families can thrive. We provide training, support groups, activities, events, and 24-hour assistance. We have been doing this for nearly 25 years and are well-regarded by the community and by our foster parents. In fact, most of our referrals come from them!

Q: How do I become certified as an Aldea foster or adoptive parent?

A: Just give us a call and one of our staff will answer any questions, and walk you through the process. We offer pre-certification training and an individualized approach to certification. You can move at your own speed and we will help you decide what works best for you and your family.

Q. Am I really needed?

A. Absolutely! There is a national and local shortage of foster parents. Call today at 707-557-4560.

Q. Where do I have to live to be an Aldea foster parent?

Foster parents need to live no more than 2 hours from our Fairfield office. Our foster parents currently live in Napa, Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa and Lake counties.