

HOW DO I BECOME AN ADOPTIVE PARENT?

To learn more or to take the first step, visit our website at www.fosterarkansas.org.

You'll find all the general requirements to become an adoptive parent there.

You'll also find the Foster Parent Inquiry Form, which is the first official step in the adoptive journey.

If you have questions, please call or visit the DCFS Facebook page.

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what to know
about...

KIDS
WAITING
FOR
ADOPTION

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

NO RELATIVES ALLOWED?

Relatives absolutely can adopt their family members. In fact, it's our primary goal! And relatives are considered for adoption throughout a child's time in care.

TRADITIONAL TWO-PARENT FAMILIES ONLY?

Single parents may become adoptive parents, and so can same-sex couples.

ADOPTION MYTHS/FACTS

There are lots of myths about adoption. Many people believe they have to be rich or live in a big home, or that they need to be a "perfect" family.

You'll see below that these are not true, but another myth needs attention first.

Some people believe that teens don't want or need to be adopted due to their age, or that they're too troubled to be a part of a family.

Teens want and need a home and a family just as much as any child, if not more. Raising a teen is hard, especially one who comes from a hard place, but the reward is incredible. Just ask any of our foster parents!

IS ADOPTION EXPENSIVE?

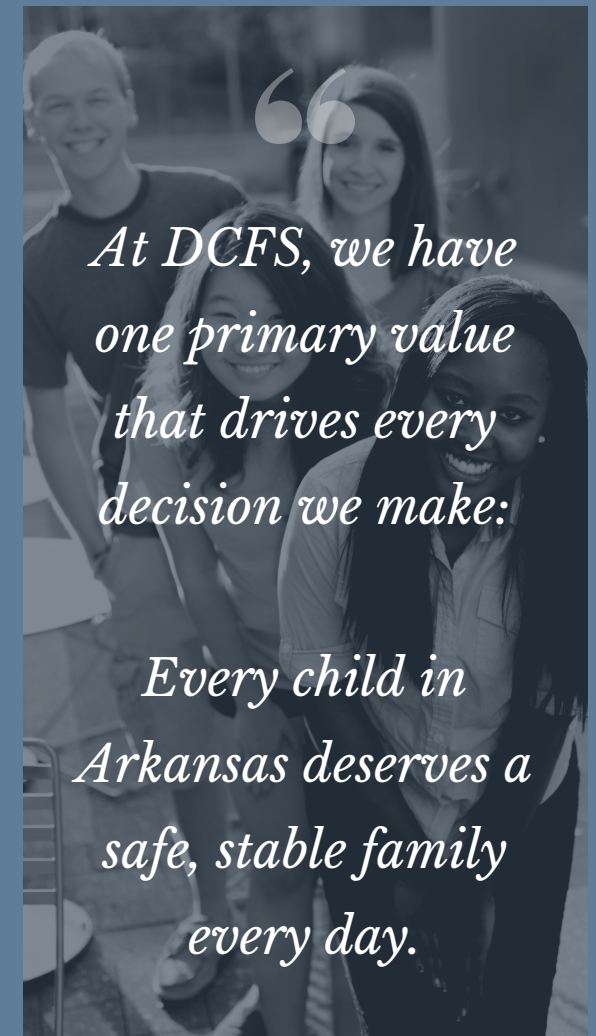
Adopting from foster care is almost entirely FREE. The only thing you'll need to pay for is a physical exam and a new birth certificate.

DO I NEED TO BE PERFECT?

Not at all. "Perfect" is found in all kinds of shapes and sizes. Maybe you're the perfect fit in your own way for a kid in care.

DO I NEED A FANCY HOME?

Folks from all kinds of backgrounds and circumstances become amazing adoptive parents. Let's talk about how to get started!



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*At DCFS, we have
one primary value
that drives every
decision we make:*

*Every child in
Arkansas deserves a
safe, stable family
every day.*