

CLARK  
*courage...*  
COUNTY  
*compassion...*  
FOSTER  
*fortitude...*  
CARE  
*commitment*

...open your *heart*  
and your *home...*  
the rewards are *limitless*



**To learn more** about Clark County's foster care program, we invite you to attend one of our foster care Information Sessions. The free orientations are held at the following Department of Family Services locations:

- The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at 701 N. Pecos Road and;
- The 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.

The Information Session is designed to provide you with what you need to know to assist you in making an informed decision about becoming a foster parent. Additionally, upon your request we'll gladly mail to you an information booklet that provides an overview of the county's foster care program.



Clark County Foster Care

For more information, you can log on at [www.clarkcountyfostercare.org](http://www.clarkcountyfostercare.org), send us an e-mail at [clarkcountyfostercare@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:clarkcountyfostercare@co.clark.nv.us) or call us at (702) 455-0181.



Clark County  
Foster Care

*What is*  
**Foster  
Care  
and  
Adoption?**



*believing and investing  
in the future of a child*

# What is foster care?

***Make the choice to open your heart and your home to a child in need—it will change your life and the life of a child!*** There are

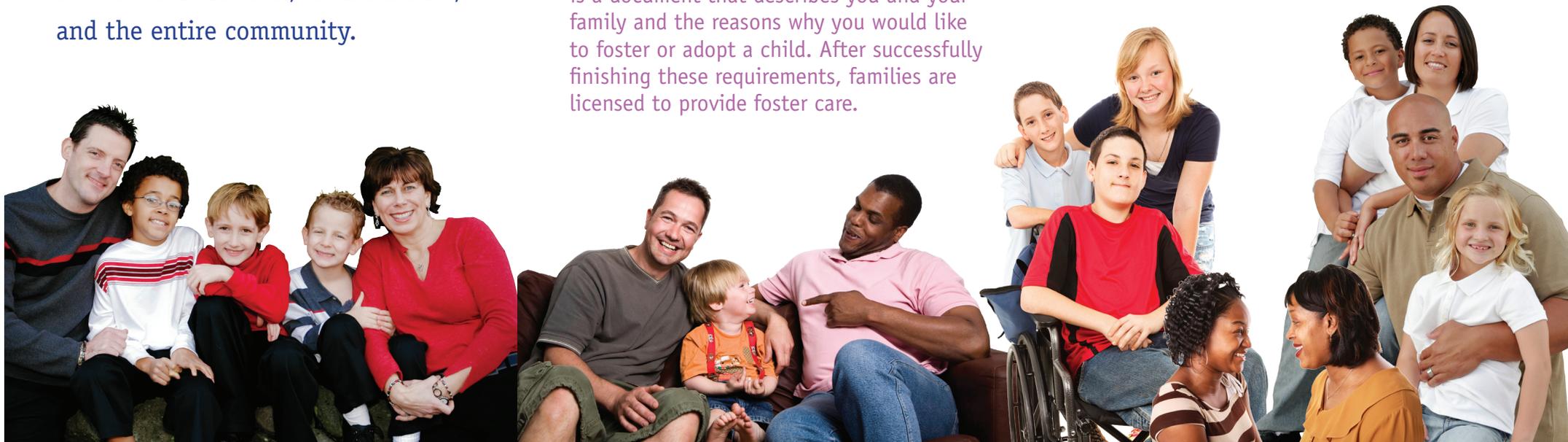
approximately 3,000 children in Clark County foster care, from toddlers to teenagers. Most of the children simply need a place to reside temporarily before they are returned to their biological families. For those children who can't return home, adoption provides them with a permanent family to call their own. Foster and adoptive parents are a valuable resource for children, their families, and the entire community.

Foster parenting is about believing and investing in the future of children and their biological families. Our foster and adoptive program provides children with temporary homes when their parents cannot take care of them. Children in foster care and their families need strong and supportive foster parents who are willing to help them find their way back to one another.

Foster care provides education and training to individuals and/or families interested in becoming foster parents. The process begins with an Information Session, which describes the foster care system. Next is a pre-screening of the prospective foster parent or parents' background. Once approved, then fingerprints are checked. Approved families then attend a 30-hour training course, complete a home study and fill out an application. A home study is a document that describes you and your family and the reasons why you would like to foster or adopt a child. After successfully finishing these requirements, families are licensed to provide foster care.

## ***How does the adoption process differ from the foster care program?***

Adoption is a procedure by which people legally assume the role of parents for a child who is not their biological child. Being a foster parent may lead to providing a permanent home through adoption for a child. Adopted children become full members of the adoptive household, commonly referred to as Forever Families. All potential adoptive resource parents must meet the same licensing requirements that are set by the State of Nevada for foster parents. There are some additional requirements for an adoption to finalize. Being an adoptive parent means making a lifetime commitment to a child, and provides a positive resolution to a challenging situation.



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