



Adopt Kansas Kids

GUIDE TO FOSTER OR ADOPTION

The path to fostering looks different than the journey to adoption only.
Explore which option might be best for you.

I/WE WANT TO BECOME A LICENSED FOSTER FAMILY

Foster parents are an invaluable part of a team that works together to ensure the health and safety of children. The foster family maintains placement of child(ren) on a temporary basis until they are able to be integrated into their home of removal, or until they can reach permanency through alternative means such as adoption, custodianship, or guardianship.

Find a
sponsoring Child
Placing Agency
(CPA)

**STEP
ONE**

Complete a
MAPP training
course

**STEP
TWO**

CPA will help
you get licensed
through the Kansas
Department for
Children & Families
(DCF)

**STEP
THREE**

Begin taking
placements!

**STEP
FOUR**



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I/WE WANT TO BECOME AN “ADOPT ONLY” FAMILY

Adopt only families are matched with children in foster care who are legally free for adoption. These families take permanent placement of the child after being selected as the adoptive resource and work with the child(ren)'s case team to develop and implement a successful transition period based on the needs of the child(ren).

Complete a
MAPP training
course

Connect with
a Child Placing
Agency (CPA)

Complete an
adoption home
study and
accompanying
documentation.

Begin actively
inquiring on
children available
through [our
website](#).

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