

Chambers County Department of Human Resources (DHR) is looking for single individuals or families who would be interested in becoming foster/adoptive homes for children who are removed from their birth families for reasons such as abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Some of these children simply need foster care for a matter of days. Others may need foster care until they are reunited with their biological family or a plan is made for them to be adopted. All of these children share the need for a caring and committed family that can bring them the future they deserve.

## Who are these children that need foster care?

- Children from all ethnic and economic groups.
- Children with backgrounds or experiences that have placed them at risk.
- Brothers and sisters who need to stay together.
- Teens with various degrees of mental, physical or emotional problems.
- Children of all ages who cannot currently live with their birth families due to the risk of neglect, physical or sexual abuse.

Families or individuals interested in providing foster care for children are subject to an approval process. The main requirement is to have the ability and desire to provide the type of care needed by the children served.

- Foster care applicants complete a 30-hour preparation course
- Foster parents may provide care for one or more children
- Children in foster care have a social worker assigned to them to support the placement and to access necessary services. Foster families also have social workers assigned to support them.
- Families receive a payment each month for room and board.

## You could be a foster parent if...

- You are at least 19 years of age.
- You can provide a safe, comfortable atmosphere for the child.
- Your home conforms to Alabama Minimum Standards for Foster Family Homes.
- Your home has enough space for the child and his or her belongings.
- All members of your family are willing to share their home with a child who needs care.
- All members of your family are in good health.
- All adults in the home must submit to and pass a criminal history background check paid for by DHR.

For more information, please contact Chambers County Department of Human Resources (DHR) 334-864-4000