

WHO CAN ADOPT?

You've got a big heart, and a deep love and empathy for children. Your job, home, relationships and health are stable. You are able to provide for your family both materially and emotionally.

WE WELCOME:

- ♥ Single men and women
- ♥ Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families
- ♥ People who speak only Spanish
- ♥ People who rent an apartment
- ♥ People with moderate incomes

LGBT ADOPTION

At Adoption SF, we are proud of the fact that nearly half of the families we work with are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) families. LGBT families are an invaluable resource for the many children and youth in foster care awaiting an adoptive family. They often bring unique strengths to meet their special needs.

Adoption SF is committed to serving all families equally with dignity and respect, including LGBT couples and single parents.

INTELLIGENT DESIGN



BEFORE WE STARTED OUR FAMILY WE CONSIDERED ALL THE OPTIONS. WE THOUGHT ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO WERE GROWING UP ALONE. WE KNEW THAT TOGETHER WE COULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARY FAMILY. WHEN PLANNING YOUR FAMILY, CONSIDER ADOPTING OLDER CHILDREN.

FAMILY PLANNING



OUR FAMILY WAS NO ACCIDENT - WE PLANNED FOR IT. WE THOUGHT ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO WERE GROWING UP ALONE. WE KNEW THAT TOGETHER WE COULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARY FAMILY. WHEN YOU PLAN TO HAVE CHILDREN, CONSIDER ADOPTING AN OLDER CHILD.

SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN NEED YOU

There are nearly 80,000 children waiting in the California foster care system. The majority can never return to their families of origin. They are waiting for the one thing they need most: **a loving, permanent family.**

When you foster/adopt, your love and stability can help a child thrive and become a productive, happy adult. **Adoption SF can help you become a loving family to a waiting child or youth through our foster/adopt process.**

THE CHILDREN

In California, children and youth who need permanent families are primarily African-American and Latino. They may be part of sibling sets of 2, 3, 4, or more. Most of them are age 6 and older, though some sibling sets include younger children.

Children in the foster care system are special kids, often with special needs. Some may have been abused and neglected, exposed to drugs and alcohol before birth, or experienced trauma. A stable adoptive family like yours can make all the difference to them. And adopting can make all the difference in your own life as well.

ABOUT US

Adoption SF is a unique collaboration between the City and County of San Francisco Human Services Agency and Family Builders. Family Builders is a private, not-for-profit adoption agency with offices in Oakland and San Francisco. We combine our strengths and expertise, with each organization doing what it does best; to recruit, certify, and prepare families to make a difference that matters in the life of a waiting child or youth.



LEARN MORE

If you're ready to make a difference in the life of a waiting child or youth, or want to learn more, please contact us.

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BEING PART OF A FAMILY MEANS...

LOVE

ACCEPTANCE

COMFORT

KINDNESS

HUMAN CONNECTION

BEING CHOSEN

HAVING YOUR OWN TOWEL

A NEW T-SHIRT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHARE

EATING OREOS, NOT GENERIC COOKIES

BEING ABLE TO OPEN THE FRIDGE

HAVING A SLEEPOVER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT YOUR HOUSE

SOMEONE TAKING YOU TO THE NUTCRACKER

GOING TO DISNEYLAND

NOT STAYING HOME WITH THE OTHER FOSTER KIDS

HAVING FAMILY TO SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH

SOMEWHERE TO GO ON SCHOOL BREAK

SOMEWHERE TO BE ON THANKSGIVING

A DADDY WHO COMES BACK

SOMEONE CALLING YOU WHEN YOU ARE AT COLLEGE

SITTING DOWN AFTER STANDING UP FOR A REALLY LONG TIME

THE END OF THE MARATHON

HAVING A CHANCE TO MAKE IT IN LIFE

SOMEONE CALLING YOU SWEETHEART

LEARNING TO SHARE, NOT JUST LOOKING OUT FOR YOURSELF

LEARNING TO TRUST

A STATE OF MIND