

Lift me up, and spin me around,  
Then hold me and tell me that you care.



### Resource families

provide support and stability for children. They take time and effort to participate in fun and exciting activities with children like **going to the park**, planning a Sunday picnic at the **beach**, reading a **story**. These special activities create unique memories for a child.

**Many children** in San Luis Obispo County require out-of-home care when their parents can no longer care for them. Children need to be safe and **nurtured in their own community**. Foster care is a program designed to provide out-of-home care and supervision for children removed from their own home. These children may have been removed due to abuse or neglect.

### What Do We Need?

Abused children need resource families who are **committed** to keeping them anchored in their own neighborhoods. There are a wide variety of ways you can be a **resource** for children in our community. To learn more about how you can play a part in a child's life, please attend one of our orientation workshops.

I want to play in the park, who will race me?  
**Ready, set... go!**

### Commonly Asked Questions:

**Can I afford it?**  
Foster parents receive a monthly foster care stipend to meet the material needs of the children placed in their care. Most children receive Medi-Cal to cover medical expense.

**Do I have to be married?**  
Foster parents may be married or single, but all homes require evaluation before licensing.

**Can I still work?**  
As long as appropriate arrangements are made by the foster parents.

**What are the age requirements?**  
Age requirements are flexible as long as they have sufficient energy to care for the child.



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For more information on how you can become a resource family for a child in your community, please call the SLO County Adoption and Foster Care Services at: **805.781.1705**