



“We were inspired to adopt because we have been adopted into God’s family, redeemed, chosen and loved, and we wanted to provide that in a practical way for kids. However, as we learned more about the system, our hearts were pulled towards fostering so that we could be a part of helping families heal and be reunified. The cycle of broken homes, abuse and neglect can be broken if we rally around the birth family to provide them with resources and encouragement. However, we felt that if that could not be accomplished, then we would be ready to say ‘yes’ to being a family that children could call their own. We have been greatly blessed by these sweet children as we get a front-row seat to watching them grow, develop, love and overcome adversity. Our lives have been changed drastically by becoming foster/adoptive parents, and so have the lives of these children—both for the better! At first, this journey may feel like a whole lot of sacrifice, but you may be surprised to find that it soon turns into a whole lot of blessing.”

-The Damman Family

Additional Resources to Help
Children in Need:

Kansas Department for Children and Families

785-296-6846

www.befamily.dcf.ks.gov

BeFamily@ks.gov

Foster Care Contractors Saint Francis Community Services

1-866-999-1599

www.stfrancis.org

KVC Kansas

1-888-655-5500

www.kvckansas.org

Training to Become a Foster Parent:

TIPS MAPP Program:

Trauma-Informed Partnering for Safety and Performance - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting

785-235-5437

www.childally.org

www.gomapp.com



Become a Foster Parent

Create Stability for a Child in Need

The goal of a family foster home is to provide children in need of care a safe nurturing home. A family foster home is meant to be a supplement and not a substitute for the child's biological family. We need foster families willing to provide temporary, safe and loving homes to enable the biological families to work on improving their ability to care for their children and to keep them safe. When appropriate and safe, the Kansas Department for Children and Families' goal is to reunite children with their families.



For more information on how you can become a foster parent, please call:

1-844-279-2306

or email:

fosterparent@ks.gov

BE FAMILY

Defining the Family Unit

Biological: Biological families protect and preserve the family unit.

Extended: Extended families provide opportunities for family connections to be maintained.

Foster: Foster families temporarily serve and assist the biological family by providing stability.

Adoptive: Adoptive families provide permanency to children in need.

Model: Foster and adoptive families can model positive family relationships.

Inspire: You can inspire youth to achieve long-lasting success.

Life-long Connections: You can create lasting connections with children and youth.

Yes: Say YES to BE FAMILY!



Adopt a Child

Be a Child's Permanent Home

When it is not possible for a child to go back with his/her biological family, an adoptive family assumes full parental rights of the child. We have a current need to increase the number of adoptive homes that are willing to work with older children and teens, sibling groups and youth with special needs. No matter their age, every young person benefits from a meaningful connection with a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in his/her life.



For more information on how you can adopt a child, please call:

877-457-5430

or email:

customercare@adoptkskids.org