

## BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!

There is an overwhelming need in our community for caring people to offer security, support and stability to children removed from their homes. You can make a difference! Contact our Resource Family Specialist with questions or to sign-up for our next orientation.

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## GET INVOLVED

While fostering a child makes the biggest impact, there are many other ways to get involved:

- Provide in-home homework support and tutoring
- Help children develop new skills
- Sponsor school or recreational activities through donations of money or equipment
- Donate new or gently used clothing or sporting equipment

Even the smallest efforts go a long way. Join Roots & Wings to make a difference in the life of a child in need.

Call **(831)345-2700** or visit

**[www.fostercare4kids.com](http://www.fostercare4kids.com)** for more information about fostering or helping a child in Santa Cruz.

## ABOUT ROOTS & WINGS

In Santa Cruz County, many children are removed from their families every year due to abuse and neglect. Roots & Wings works to make sure that foster children are able to stay in their communities, neighborhoods and schools. Every child needs stability and security. We can achieve this with the help of the caring people within our community.



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## ROOTS & WINGS

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## OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

In our community children are being removed from their families almost daily due to abuse and neglect. There is an immediate need for responsible and caring adults to become foster parents who offer security, stability, and lifelong connections for these children.



Roots & Wings doesn't look at fostering as a temporary relationship. Whether by adopting a child or by maintaining a lifelong connection even after the child returns home, foster parents can create strong bonds that will last a lifetime.

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, and touch the life of a child in need, consider becoming a foster parent. Roots & Wings will provide the training and support you need to foster a child.

**Want to make a difference for a child in need?  
Consider becoming a foster parent.  
Call us at (831)345-2700 for information about  
foster opportunities.**

## WHO MAKES A GOOD FOSTER PARENT?

You don't need to be married, young or own your own home to be a foster parent. You do need to be patient and caring, love children, be willing to adapt to the special needs of a child, and participate in training. While the commitment is significant, the rewards are priceless.



*"For over 13 years, I've been a foster parent with the County. I've met wonderful kids and helped birth parents safely reunify with their children. I've also been there for children who couldn't return home."*

*- Wendy, foster parent*

## THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT YOU NEED

There is more assistance available than ever before, ensuring success for foster families including:

- A single point of contact to help families through the application process
- Customized services and one-on-one guidance from a dedicated Resource Family Liaison
- Support groups and mentors
- Trainings on issues of parenting, child development and working with the foster care system
- A monthly stipend
- Health insurance and counseling for foster children

