

"I am so enthusiastic about Family To Family because it is a community-based effort which brings people from many walks of life together to better care for some of the most vulnerable members of our community-abused children and their families."  
-F2F Community Partner

THE COMMUNITY  
**Family Friends**

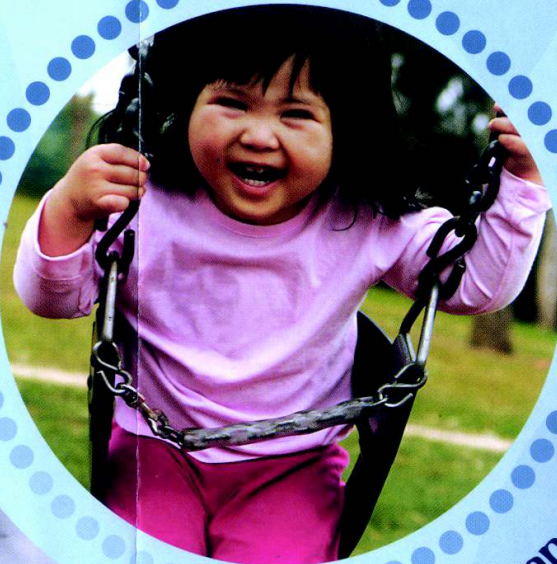
## Our Vision

Every child living in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities.

Monetary Donations, accepted through the Best Friends Fund, can be designated for F2F. To make a tax-deductible contribution, mail a check to:

**The Best Friends Fund  
Family and Children's Services  
Monterey County Department of Social Services  
1000 South Main Street, Suite 112  
Salinas, California 93901**

Or you may charge your designated contribution to your Visa/Mastercard by calling the ACTION Council at **831.783.1244**



*Everyone's Chance to Care*

FAMILY to FAMILY



A community partnership sponsored by the Monterey County Department of Social Services



## What is Family to Family?

Family to Family (F2F) is a community based approach to helping abused and neglected children and their families. Rather than place children throughout the county, F2F seeks to keep kids in their neighborhoods by involving communities in decisions that may affect their families in positive and productive ways. Family to Family offers something for everyone, and gives everyone a chance to care.



PARTNERING WITH  
**Neighborhood  
Leaders**

## Find Your Chance to Care



### Become a Resource Family

A resource family can support the birth family in several different ways. For instance, you can:

- Become a foster family, providing a safe home for a child.
- Be a support family, driving a child to a game or lending a compassionate ear to the family.
- Become a respite family, giving the birth or foster parent a "break" for a few hours or even the weekend.

### Mobilize your neighborhood

No one knows your neighborhood better than you. Your help in building a support system within your community is invaluable. Join a F2F neighborhood coalition, or inform the coalition of different community agencies and leaders who can provide services and support to the families who live there.

### Volunteer a skill

- Install a smoke detector; build a fence or fix a faucet to help ensure the safety of a caregivers home.
- Knit afghans or sew baby blankets.
- Teach a child to play a musical instrument.
- Tutor a child in math, writing, or reading.
- Assist at an after school program.
- Get involved in your community to support children and their families.

### Make a Donation

Monetary or in-kind donations to support families who are at-risk will be appreciated, no matter how small or large.

- Donate space to store and distribute new cribs, car seats, and children's clothing to families, resource families and relative caregivers in need.
- Donate new or lightly used toys or athletic equipment, children's furniture or clothing.
- Offer a private meeting space at your church or place of business.
- Supply refreshments for community meetings or meetings where placement decisions, informed by community participation, are made for a child.
- Donate gift certificates for a restaurant, movie theatre or amusement park.

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