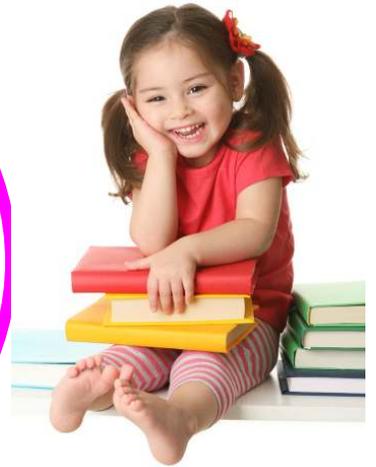




What is Family to Family?

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 children in their neighborhood 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.



Everyone's Chance to care

Monterey County Department of Social Services **TEN MOST COMMON QUESTIONS REGARDING FOSTER CARE**

1. What is a foster parent?

A temporary parent of a court dependent child. A foster parent provides a supportive stable environment for children who cannot live with their birth parents until family problems are resolved.

2. How do I become a foster parent?

Attend an informational meeting on foster care/adoption, submit a Foster Care Licensing Packet and parent training sessions.

3. How long will it take?

Processing time varies. Normal circumstances, it may take two to four months; it may take longer.

4. Will it cost me anything to become a foster parent?

There may be incidental costs for Infant Child CPR/First Aid and medical checkups depending on your individual situation.

5. Can single people foster a child?

Any stable adult can be a foster parent, single, married, in a committed same sex or heterosexual relationship.

6. Do I have to own a house?

No. You can rent or lease a house or apartment. You just need to let your landlord know of interest in foster care.

7. Can I adopt my foster child?

You can be considered for permanent placement/adoption when a child cannot be returned to his/her birth parents.

8. Can I be a foster parent for a relative or child whom I have a relationship?

Yes. You contact the child's social worker, submit an application that meets the same approval as foster parents.

9. Is foster care a way for me to make a living?

No. Foster parents are volunteers. You need to already have an income that covers your daily expenses.

10. Who do I contact?

Call Monterey County Department of Social Services at 831-755-4475 or 1-800-850-0006 or
Community Liaisons: Reyna Gross at 831-775-4518 or Isabel Preciado at 831-775-4521 for East Salinas.