

May is Foster Care  
Awareness Month

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**"Kindness** comes in many forms, and **fostering** a child can be a lifesaving one."

#### DID YOU KNOW?

You Can Help  
Children In  
The U.S. Foster  
Care System

*"A voice of hope for  
children worldwide"*

#### WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

"Every child needs a safe, stable, nurturing village." You are part of that village.

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# What is Foster Care?

Foster Care is a temporary service for children and youth who have been removed from their families and cannot live with their families due to certain circumstances. Children in Children or Youth in Foster Care can potentially land with relatives or unrelated Foster Parents. Sometimes, they can also enter into group homes, residential care facilities, emergency shelters, and supervised independent living.



# Why do Children Enter Foster Care?

Children or youth often enter into Foster Care due to **negligence** or **abuse**.



## Foster Care Statistics Show:

- **76.1 %** of victims are neglected.
- **16.5%** are physically abused.
- **9.4%** are sexually abused.
- **.2%** are sex trafficked.

Children under **one year of age** and medically fragile children are most vulnerable and at a higher risk of maltreatment.

Reasons for Foster Care Deaths:

**76.1 %** of victims are neglected.

**73.7%** suffered neglect.

**42.6%** suffered physical abuse either exclusively or in combination with another type of maltreatment.

## NEGLECT

Definition: when a child's basic needs are not met, regardless of the reason

Basic needs: home, food, clothing, utilities, health care, structure, social and emotional support, stimulation, instruction, education, safety-supervision/monitoring, social connectedness.

## ABUSE

Definition: harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare that occurs through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment by a parent, legal guardian, or any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare.

# Did you know

You Can Help Children In Foster Care.

**We are looking for caring and compassionate people and families to provide temporary homes for children or youth until they can be reunited with their families.**

"WHEN I WAS IN THE SHELTER, I FELT LIKE I WAS IN THE DARK PLACE, THE DAYS SEEMED LONG AND I THOUGHT I WAS NEVER GOING TO GET OUT OF THERE. THANKS TO ICA I WAS ABLE TO GET OUT AND I FELT LIKE I WAS BACK TO LIFE AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MY LIFE. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO ICA AND TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE WELCOMED ME AND MY DAUGHTERS INTO THEIR HOMES."

**TERESSA**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE FOR THOSE IN NEED.**



**"For this child, I have prayed."**  
Samuel 1:27



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- Refugee Aid
- Fair Trade
- Counseling



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