



**It only takes one
caring adult to change
the life of a child.**

Seeking patient, big-hearted foster parents.



ACH child and
family services
protecting children. preserving families. since 1915.

*"I've always wanted a child
and Andy coming into our lives
has just been a
great addition to our family.
He has a big piece of my heart
and he fits right in with us."*

— Chris and Kevin Velasquez

There are so many children who need you.

In 2020, there were more than 9,000 children in North Texas in need of foster care. At ACH, we serve children from infancy to age 17 who are in the care of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). There's a particular need for families willing to accept placement of sibling groups, children with behavioral challenges and children age five and up, especially teens. If there's room in your heart and your home, please consider becoming a foster parent. It's not always easy but it's the most fulfilling job in the world.



ACH is with you on your entire parenting journey.

From your first inquiry through foster training and beyond, you can count ACH Child and Family Services to be prompt, responsive and available for you. We're honest, too. Because the children we serve have experienced trauma, abuse and/or neglect, we train our foster parents for situations they may have never anticipated. This is how we ensure you are thoroughly prepared when your child comes into your home.



*"The training with ACH was a good experience...
Everyone at ACH was so kind, funny, and helpful.
We also felt like ACH was honest with us about the
trauma these kids face and the difficulties that
come with caring for kids with trauma."*

— Katelyn Franco and Carmen Lehman

Give of yourself. Get so much more.

When you meet your foster child, it's just the beginning of what we hope will be a long and mutually beneficial relationship. When you give your foster child the secure and nurturing home he or she deserves, your child will give you so much more in return.

As a member of the ACH family, you always have access to our Foster Care Specialists. They are available for consultations, home visits and assessments to help you get through the challenging times.

"The beginning of the journey with ACH started with the training and it is really in depth and thorough, and it really gives you a glimpse into the situations that are out there with these children in need..."

ACH was there for us throughout the placement and after. Without training and having our Foster Adoption Specialist a phone call away... I don't know where we would be right now."

— Yesenia and Brian Sidwell



Fostering healthy, loving relationships.

At ACH, we understand that families come in all shapes and sizes. And we are deeply committed to our mission of providing safe, caring and love-filled homes for children. So we do our best to match children with the foster families best suited to meet their needs.

After all, building healthy, happy families is what we at ACH are all about.



*"We knew ACH was the right agency for us
when we experienced the passion, staff
involvement, realism, and transparent holistic
approach throughout the training process."*

– Pricilla and Mathew Zack



Licensure Options

Foster Care is caring for children who are removed from their home as a result of abuse/neglect and looking after them until they are reunified with their family or fictive kin.

Foster to Adopt is a dual-license to foster and adopt children from foster care. The main purpose is to foster children in need of a home. If you happen to foster a child who becomes legally free for adoption, you may be able to adopt them.

Adoption is when you are only licensed to adopt and the agency works with you to match you with a child who has been in the foster care system and needs a permanent home.

Kinship allows you to care for children who are either biologically related to you or fictive kin (unrelated individuals with a close emotional relationship) under the supervision of the agency and DFPS.

Requirements to become Foster and Adoptive Parents

- ✓ Be financially stable
- ✓ Have adequate space
- ✓ Be at least 21 years of age
- ✓ Have clear background and FBI fingerprint checks
- ✓ Have been a resident of Texas for at least one year
- ✓ Be single, married, widowed or divorced but may not cohabitate
- ✓ Have experienced no major life changes or challenges within the past year

Process to become licensed

ACH strives to license families within 90 days





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