## FOSTER CARE

### What is Foster Care?

Foster care is a temporary arrangement where adults provide for the care of a child or children when their birth parents cannot, for a variety of reasons, care for them. Foster Care is not Adoption.

Foster families provide safe, healthy and stable homes for children until their 'forever family' is identified.

The goal for a child in foster care is usually reunification with the birth family adoption depending on the child's best interest. While foster care is temporary, adoption is permanent.



### Who are Foster Children?

Foster children are like any other children. They all require love, comfort, security and stability. Most foster children have unique needs because they've come from unique experiences.

· A foster child can be of any age, caste, ethnicity, religionor gender.

· Some children will need to stay in foster care for just a short time and others may need to stay longer.

· A foster child may have developmental or physical disabilities.

· All children in foster care have experienced loss. Loss of people that they love, and loss of what is familiar to them, even if they are still very young.

### Who can be a Foster Parents?

✓ Any Indian citizen, whose domicile is in Rajasthan, shall be eligible for the foster caring of the child.

✓ The relationship of the prospective couple should consist of at least two years of stable marriage.

✓ Combined age of the foster parents should not be more than 120 years, in which the individual age of every parent should not be more than 65 years.

✓ If a male applies on his own, he cannot take a girl for foster caring.

✓ Along with the application form, the prospective foster parents shall present an age certificate, proof of residence, proof of income, a medical certificate, a copy of bank account details, a marriage certificate, testimony of two reputed persons and required affidavit.

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The teenage "where girls or boys are studying have thoughts, dreams are brimming with life  towards various aspirations; sometimes give a sudden fault where all your dreams are shattered and same happened with an unfortunate girl who suffered sexual abuse at such a tender age  circumstances made her gave birth to a premature baby boy whom she had to leave at the mercy of destiny in hospital. The baby was treated, became healthy and was sent to an institution where in he can be adopted. *But is life as easy for one and all?* The baby was born with a neck problem by birth ~it was a little bent. Rejections followed paving the way towards" *Foster Care*" The kid was now one and half years old and a family was identified for him as foster family" Life comes a full circle" the foster father on seeing him just said *that "if my kid neck is such ....same is mine."*Gradually things started....into space the kid and the foster parents learnt to stay together as family , some adjustments were made, family values ,morals taught lone and care given is going to school and has made friends, now he is three and half old being ...in a family going on with his life ....just like any other.