

Interested in foster parenting?

For more information about becoming a foster parent, mail this form to the address below or contact La Paloma Family Services at (520) 429-4247.

Tell me more about how I can help children learn and grow as I give them a loving foster home.

Name

Address

City

State and ZIP

Phone Number

E-mail



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If not you,
Who?

If not now,
When?



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La Frontera Center & La Paloma Family Services provide a wide range of community based services for adults and children living with mental illness, emotional disorders, as well as for those facing challenges with abuse, neglect, and drug and alcohol abuse.

La Frontera Center & La Paloma Family Services are nonprofit, 501(c)3 organizations.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT...

It's all about the kids!



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What is the greatest need?

Emergency Receiving Home

When CPS takes custody of children, it does not happen at a scheduled time. Homes that are open to placement at various hours and days, including nights and weekends, help provide children with a home when it is needed.

Sibling Groups

It is not uncommon to see sibling groups of three, four, five children or even more. Siblings are often all children have for support, and they are traumatized even further if separated and placed into different homes. Homes that can accept siblings and keep them together are desperately needed.

Children 0-17 Years Old

Pima County has seen a large increase of children coming into foster care. Homes are needed to care for children from newborn up to teenagers.

Every Year In Arizona

- Approximately 3,600 children are removed from their homes and need a place to stay.
- There are currently 14,000 children in care in Arizona.
- More than 1,400 children are currently in group homes in Arizona.


About Foster Parenting

Foster care is an opportunity for you to make a difference in a child's life. Foster parents give children a place to live temporarily when they cannot live at home. They provide children with stability, affection, supervision, and consistency.

Our goal is to reunite children with the family. If the children cannot return to their family, foster parents may have an opportunity to adopt.



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pen your heart.
pen your home.

Foster Parent Requirements

The following is a list of minimum basic requirements to become a foster parent:

- Foster parent must be at least 21 years old.
- All persons 18 years of age or older living in the home must pass a criminal background check, CPS/APS records check, and obtain a valid Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card.
- Have sufficient family income. You do not have to be wealthy, but you do need enough income to meet your family's basic needs.
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours of State-required training.
- Complete required home study evaluation and DES life safety home inspection.
- Be open to working with the child(ren)'s birth parents through shared parenting.

A complete list of requirements is available online at www.lapalomakids.org.

You do not need to be married, own your own home, earn a high income, or have previous parenting experience, and you are never too old to be a foster parent.



Support Services Available To Foster Families

- Support worker to help foster family through the fostering process.
- Financial reimbursement; you are not expected to cover all the costs of raising the child.
- Ongoing training and support groups.
- Child care assistance (day care, respite); children in CPS custody qualify for day care.
- Medical, dental, and prescription coverage for foster child(ren).
- Behavioral health services and crisis support; these therapeutic supports help both the child's healing and support you in providing care.
- For those who end up adopting, many children qualify for an adoption subsidy.

Providing Quality Services Since 1980

La Paloma Family Services has continually strived to provide solutions for children facing life's greatest challenges due to abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Our long history of service has established La Paloma as one of the leading nonprofit family service agencies in southern Arizona.

La Paloma recruits, trains, and supports foster parents who are capable of providing a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for children who are displaced from their homes.

La Paloma recruits families, facilitates the initial licensure process, and provides ongoing support to licensed homes. Families in foster homes licensed through La Paloma are offered respite care, foster parent support group, support groups for teenage foster children, advanced training opportunities, and in-home services. To help ensure a successful placement every family is assigned to a caring foster care licensing specialist, who is available to them for support, guidance, and advocacy.

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