



Protect and Inspire Every Child, Every Day

As the leading nonprofit organization overseeing foster care, adoption and other child welfare services in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties, Embrace Families serves as many as 3,000 children and their families, each and every day.

With your help, we protect and inspire our area's most vulnerable children. Please consider opening your heart and your home. **Contact us today.**

Adoption: Dispel the myths, get the facts

Myth: It takes too long.

Fact: You can be ready to adopt in as little as six to eight months.

Myth: It's too expensive.

Fact: Adopting one of Florida's children from foster care costs little or nothing. Required training and home study are free-of-charge and even the legal fees may be covered.

Myth: I have to foster first.

Fact: It helps, but it is not necessary.

Myth: Most foster kids are disabled.

Fact: Some are, most aren't. (Most children thrive in a loving, permanent home.)

Myth: I'm too old and don't make enough money.

Fact: Children appreciate loving, patient parents of all ages and incomes.



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Adoption

Every child should have
a forever family



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there are many children who need to find a home, who need a sense of worth and belonging, who need a family to call their own.

Open Your Heart and Home

Across Central Florida, hundreds of children are going through life alone, waiting for special people to open their hearts ... to open their homes ... to become their forever family. Will you make a child whole again by becoming an adoptive parent? At Embrace Families, we're ready to guide you through the most rewarding journey imaginable.

"These children aren't looking for the latest brand of shoes, or filet mignon dinners, or a shiny new car when they turn 16. They are looking for a parent – someone to give them a high-five when they get good grades and tutor them when they are struggling. They need a forever family. They want to be believed in, loved and valued."

Jennifer
Adoption Specialist

Provide a Child a New Life

On any given day, about 60 children in foster care – including sibling groups and teens – are eligible for adoption in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. While each child's background is unique, all share one thing in common: no longer part of their biological families, they need caring people to provide them a new life ... a future filled with renewed hope, joy and love.

What is Required of an Adoptive Parent?

We're looking for compassionate people – married or single adults – who can provide stable homes, give lifelong support, and love their adopted child as one of their own. To ensure each child is placed in the best possible home, prospective adoptive parents undergo a thorough evaluation that assesses such things as physical and emotional capabilities, income stability, criminal history and relationships with others.

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there is a child who is missing opportunity, who needs stability, who only imagines what happiness is, who is praying you'll hear them.

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means more than you know, could change everything, could be the first day of someone's new life, is the perfect day to change a life forever.

How Do I Start the Adoption Process?

Start by calling Embrace Families at 866-90-CHILD and ask to speak with an adoption specialist. Prospective foster and adoptive parents complete a multi-week training course and undergo a home study that includes a health evaluation, background check, counselor visits, and interviews with references and family members. When available, you'll attend recruitment activities, notifying your counselor when interested in a certain child or sibling group. Upon establishing a match, you'll participate in pre-placement activities and finalize the adoption by working through legal channels with our counselor, your attorney and a judge.

What Can I Expect?

Becoming an adoptive parent provides fulfillment, purpose and a life-changing experience. We find that a sense of humor, true acceptance of the child's differences, the ability to measure success in small steps, and a firm belief in commitment provide an excellent foundation for starting – and growing – your new forever family.

"We did not give our children the gift of life. Life gave us the gift of these amazing girls."

Betty
Adoptive Parent

