



MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ... The half a million children who are in foster care in the USA need a variety of adult involvement: temporary caregivers, mentors, permanent families and adoptive parents. Volunteers can change the lives of children who have been removed from unsafe homes or crisis situations, by donating a few minutes, hours, weeks or more of their time and effort. Children in foster care represent all races, ages and cultures, however:

“Older youth are in most urgent need of attention. Nearly half of the young people in foster care are over the age of 10. Each year, more than 20,000 young Americans age out of foster care, most without the appropriate resources, skills or options they will need to live independently.” (www.fostercaremonth.org)

HELP NOW

(<http://www.fostercaremonth.org/GetInvolved/ChangeALifeTimeMenu/Minutes/Pages/default.aspx>)



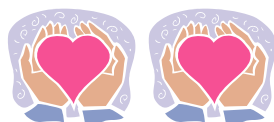
THE NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION (NFPA) IS DEDICATED

to educating and supporting foster parents, and advocating for the legal rights of foster parents and foster children. Sixty percent of domestically adopted children are adopted from non-relative foster care. Interested in becoming a foster parent, or foster-adoptive parent?

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[Legal Resource Manual for Foster Parents](#) (from NFPA)

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Covered topics include:

- Permanency, Foster Parents, and the Law
- Dependency Court and Removal of Children
- Court Participation by Foster Parents
- Allegations of Maltreatment

[ACT Foster Parent Daily Journal](#)

<http://adoptioninchildtime.org/journal.php>

“Keeping a journal allows foster parents to document what goes on in their household. It is an invaluable record for dealing with agencies, the welfare department, and the courts. The journal can help in preparation for any dealings in which you represent your foster child: for case conferences at your agency; for court hearings; for disputes about incidents related to your foster child.”

