



JENDA FAMILY SERVICES

foster care

help grow the next **generation of families.**



foster care statistics + facts

The average age of a child in foster care is 8.

Black children are overrepresented among youth in foster care relative to general child population; black children make up 14% of child population but 23% of all kids in foster care.

The average time in foster care for children in 2019 was 19.6 months.

On any given day, more than 5,000 children and teens are in the Nebraska foster care system.

The primary goal of foster care is to safely reunite youth with their biological families as soon as possible, and more than half of youth nationwide are safely reunified.

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what is foster care?

Foster care is a temporary placement of children who have been removed from their biological family, usually because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, until they can return home.

Foster families are individuals that desire to understand the needs and problems of these special children, a willingness to parent these children and support biological parents to increase the chances of reunification.

As a foster parent, you act in the best interests of the child in your care, which means providing consistency and stability and supporting the best permanency goal for the child. While reunification is typically the primary goal of foster care, foster parents are often asked to prepare to adopt the child in their care if safely returning to the birth family isn't possible.



why Jenda?

Since 2012, Jenda Family Services has been providing services to families throughout the state of Nebraska. Jenda is dedicated to helping families grow the next generation of parents.

Families which have worked with Jenda have had successful outcomes with the assistance of wraparound services such as family support, drug testing, and supervised visitation. Jenda has decided to expand the wraparound services by including foster care.

Our goal by incorporating foster care services within the Jenda Family Services realm is that it will increase the chances of successful outcomes such as reunification.



who can become a foster parent?

In order to become a foster parent, you must be able to meet the criteria:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Consent to a criminal background check
- May be single, married, or divorced
- May or may not have children
- May own or rent a home
- Willing to complete foster care training
- Have a home meeting the standards of licensing requirements
- Must participate in a home study

Jenda provides you with the support you need to succeed as a foster family, including but not limited to:

- 24/7 support
- case coordination
- specialized training

Ready to take the leap? Contact Jenda today!