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Adopt *a* Child



Children never outgrow the need for parents

No child is ever too old to need a family of their own. Thousands of children in foster care in Texas dream of being adopted.

Children are in foster care through no fault of their own, because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Adopting a child from foster care is a wonderful way to grow your family and change a child's life forever.

Visit an information meeting
to learn more about adoption
and foster care and have all your
questions answered.

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Why not you?



[AdoptChildren.org](https://www.adoptchildren.org)

Adoption FAQs

“Are older children harder to raise?”

The pre-teen and teen years can be challenging for any family. But there are valuable resources available to adoptive parents to help them navigate that journey with their children. With love, courage and a good sense of humor, parenting an older child can be a journey full of joy and success.

“Do older teens need families? Aren't they ready to be independent?”

We never outgrow the need for our parents! No matter their age, teens rely on their relationships with family for support and guidance. Adopting an older teen gives them security, knowing they can depend on that relationship into young adulthood and beyond.

“Won't it be hard for an older child to form a bond with me?”

An emotional bond isn't based on age, and a child's desire to become part of a loving, permanent family doesn't diminish as they get older. Adoptive families can take advantage of the expert resources available to help them form a life-long bond with their child.

