



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
Jaime Masters, MS, MFT

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Dear Texas Foster Families:

May is National Foster Care Month which allows the opportunity to recognize the dedication of our foster parents in the State of Texas. The first presidential proclamation for National Foster Care Month was made in 1988 by President Reagan, who highlighted the need to support the children and youth in foster care nationwide. The annual proclamation continues, and the 2022 campaign focuses on "Relative and Kin Connections: Keeping Families Strong,". For more information and resources, visit the national webpage at www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/.

I want to start off the month by saying thank you to all the foster parents throughout Texas who give so much each day so that a child can have a safe place. At the end of FY21, a monthly average of 15,245 Texas children were placed in substitute foster care. The State of Texas is very fortunate to have loving foster families who continually open their hearts and homes to children who are unable to live with their own families. I am deeply appreciative for your devotion and commitment to children you parent and welcome into your family. I see your contributions and want to reassure you that DFPS is here to support you.

On behalf of the State of Texas, you have my gratitude, not only for the tireless work you do, but how you improve the lives of our children, every day.

Sincerely,

Deneen Dryden,
Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services