

# What is a Resource Family?

A resource family is any family, individual, or couple, who wants to provide care to a child who is under the jurisdiction of a child welfare agency.

Resource families provide love, nurturing, stability, and comfort during difficult times and serve as the first step in a child and family's journey toward healing and hope.



## Resource Family Training

As part of the resource family approval process, you will be required to complete a series of trainings (RFT), which include:

- 1 Informational Meeting
- 2 RFT #1 - Orientation
- 3 RFT #2
- 4 RFT #3
- 5 RFT #4
- 6 RFT #5
- 7 RFT #6

**Please Note:** Trainings must be completed in order, and within 60 days of starting RFT #1.

## How Do I Get Started?

Call the number below to register for an informational meeting!

## Contact Us



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# Make a Difference in the Lives of Children & Families

Learn How to Become a Resource Parent





## You Won't Be Alone!

Our department offers a wide variety of supportive services and resources, including:

- Financial Assistance
- Therapeutic Services
- Enrichment Activities
- Foster Support Unit
- Training Resources
- Foster Parent Association
- Car Seats & Training
- ...and much more!



## Steps to Becoming a Resource Parent

- 01** Attend an Informational Meeting
- 02** Complete Resource Family Training Series
- 03** Submit an Application
- 04** Pass Criminal Background Check
- 05** Complete Safety Home & Grounds Assessment
- 06** Complete First Aid & CPR Training

## What is the Need in SLO County?

At any given time, our county has approximately 260 youth in care. Of those youth, less than 50% of them are able to be placed with relatives, which means they must be placed with a non-related resource family.

Like many other counties, we are consistently faced with a deficit of resource homes, which means we are unable to match youth with an ideal family who can meet their needs. This can lead to trauma, and placement instability.

