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*"It takes a whole Village
to raise a child."*

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African Proverb





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*Train a child the way he should go and make sure you
also go the same way*

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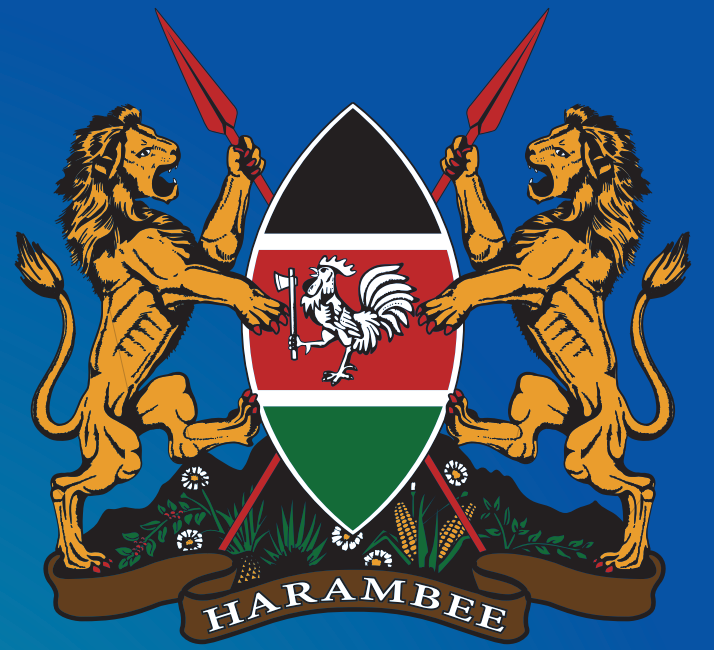
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Foster Care is the placement of a child with a person who is not the child's parent, relative or guardian and who is willing to undertake the care and maintenance of that child.

Which child can be considered for Foster Care?

Most of the children who are considered for foster care are innocent victims of difficult circumstances or neglect. They include children who are: orphans, abandoned, neglected, abused, in the streets and other emergency situations. They are vulnerable and often come into care with either emotional or physical scars hence the need for love and family in their best interest. By caring and spending time with them, you can change the direction of their life in a positive and meaningful way.

Have you ever thought of fostering a child?

Evidence-based research shows that children do best within families and when living within their communities. This is because they can establish lifelong bonds and develop to their full potential. It implies that every child needs and deserves to grow up in a safe and protected environment from abuse and neglect. Therefore, caring foster parents offer children support and stability when they need it most.



Why should I become a foster parent?

1. to protect and nurture children by providing a safe, healthy environment with wholesome support;
2. to promote long term parental care, towards family reunification in the first instance, or by accommodating children in alternative, safe and nurturing family relationships intended to last their lifetime;
3. to promote the building of family relationships in the context of Kenya's cultural, ethnic and community diversity.



How do I become a foster parent?

- Fill a foster care application form at the children's office
- Participate in Foster parents' assessment and training
- Follow indication on the required documentation
- Prepare for placement of the child in the family
- Enable the child to experience a sustainable family life

Who qualifies to be a Foster Parent?

1. I am a Kenyan citizen or I have been a resident for at least 12 months continuously
2. I am at least 25 years and below 65 years old.
3. I can demonstrate I have the knowledge and skills to protect and nurture the child in a safe and healthy environment.



What kind of support will I get?



Psychosocial and formation support is provided to both the child and foster family before and during the placement. Moreover, each situation will be assessed to evaluate the need for other forms of assistance.

How long will a child stay in my home?

The maximum period to foster a child is 3 years reviewed by the Sub County Children office on an annual basis. During this time, the Sub-county children officer will monitor and follow-up on the welfare of the child and your relationship every year. The situation in the family of origin is also addressed with the aim of improving it. After this period, the child will be reintegrated back home or a long-term placement alternative explored.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FOSTER CARE



Please visit your nearest Sub-County Children Offices for more information on Foster Care as well as to apply for fostering a child.

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*“Be the change you
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MAHATMA GANDHI





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*There are no goodbyes
for us wherever you
are you will
always be in my
heart”*

MAHATMA GANDHI



Je, "Foster Care" Ni Nini?



Foster care ni ile hali ya kumlea na kumtunza mtoto ambaye wewe sio mzazi wake wa kumzaa wala hauna uhusiano wowote wa kifamilia na yule mtoto.

Mtoto wa kuzigatiwa katika Foster Care?

Wengi wa watoto wanaozingatiwa kwa foster care ni waathirika wa hali ngumu ya maisha wasio na hatia, au wasio na malezi. Kwa mfano watoto yatima, waliotelekezwa, waliopuuzwa, walionyanyaswa, walio mitaani na hali zingine za dharura. Ni watoto walio hatarini na mara nyingi huwa na vidonda vya kihisia au kimwili. Ndio maana wanahitaji upendo na ulezi wa kifamilia. Kwa kuwajali na kutumia wakati pamoja nao, unaweza kubadilisha mwelekeo wa maisha yao kwa njia nzuri yenye matumaini.

Je, Umewahi kufikiria kumlea mtoto kama mzazi wa Foster Care?

Utafiti unaonyesha kuwa watoto hufanya vyema zaidi wakiishi ndani ya familia na jamii zao. Hi ni kwa sababu wanaweza kupata msingi bora wa maisha na kuwa wanajamii wenye mafanikio. Maana yake ni kwamba, kila mtoto anahitaji malezi katika hali iliyo salama na ulinzi kutokana na unyanyasaji au kutelekezwa.

Kwa hivyo, mzazi wa Foster care humwezesha mtoto kupata utulivu wakati anahitaji zaidi.



Kwa nini uwe mzazi wa Foster Care?

- (a) Ili tuwalinde na kuwalea watoto katika mazingira salama ya kifamilia yenye afya na msaada mzuri.
- (b) Ili tuendeleze malezi ya muda mrefu kutoka kwa wazazi na kuwezesha watoto kuunganishwa tena na familia zao za asili. Ama kuwawezesha watoto wapate makazi tofauti yaliyo salama na uhusiano wa kifamilia ambao utawasaidia maisha yao ya baadaye.
- (c) Ili tukuze uhusiano wa kifamilia katika hali ya utamaduni, kabila na jamii za Kenya.



Je, Unaweza Kufanya nini?

- Jaza fomu ya maombi ya utunzaji wa watoto katika ofisi ya watoto
- Shiriki katika mikutano na mafunzo ya kuwa mzazi wa foster care
- Fuata maelekezo kuhusu hati zinazohitajika kutoka kwa ofisi ya watoto
- Jiandae kukaribisha mtoto katika familia yako
- Wezesha mtoto apate maisha ya familia ya kudumu

Nani Anaweza Kuwa Mzazi wa Foster Care?

1. Raia wa Kenya ama mkazi wa kigeni kwa muda wa miezi 12 mfululizo.
2. Unahitajika kuwa na umri wa miaka 25 na chini ya miaka 65
3. Mwenye maarifa, ujuzi na uwezo wa kumlinda na kumlea mtoto katika mazingira salama



Je, nitapata msaada wa aina gani?



Msaada wa kisaikolojia na mafunzo hutolewa kwa mtoto na familia ya foster care kabla ya mtoto kupelekwa kuishi nao na wakati wa malezi. Pia, hali tofauti tofauti hupimwa ili kutathmini mahitaji mengine ya familia na aina zingine za usaidizi.

Mtoto ataishi nyumbani kwako kwa muda gani?

Muda mrefu zaidi wa kumlea mtoto katika foster care in miaka 3.

Katika muda huu, ofisi ya watoto hufuatilia na kuangalia maslahi ya mtoto na uhusiano wenyu kila muaka. Hali ya familia yake ya asili pia hushugulikiwa kwa nia ya kuiboresha.

Baada ya kipindi hiki, mtoto ataunganishwa na familia yake ya asili ama suluhisho la kudumu kuangaziwa



KWA MAELEZO ZAIDI KUHUSU FOSTER CARE



Tafadhali tembelea Ofisi za watoto za kaunti ama Kaunti Ndogo (Sub County) iliyo karibu na wewe ili upate habari zaidi kuhusu Foster Care na jinsi ya kuwa mzazi wa Foster Care.

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