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## The Need

Currently in Alabama, there are approximately five thousand children in foster care. Some simply need foster care for a matter of days. Others may need foster care until they are reunited with their biological family or a plan is made for them to be adopted. All of these children share the need for a caring and committed family that can bring them the future they deserve.

## What they need most are your abilities and care.

Families or individuals interested in providing foster care for children are subject to an approval process. The main requirement is to have the ability and desire to provide the type of care needed by the children served.

- Foster care applicants complete a 30-hour preparation course and receive information necessary to prepare for a rewarding family experience.
- Foster parents may provide care for one or more children, the maximum of six at any one time.
- Children in foster care have a social worker assigned to them to support the placement and to access necessary services. Foster families also have social workers assigned to support them.
- Families receive a payment each month for room and board.

## You could be a foster parent if…

- You are at least 19 years of age.
- You can provide a safe, comfortable atmosphere for the child.
- Your home conforms to Alabama Minimum Standards for Foster Family Homes.
- Your home has enough space for the child and his or her belongings.
- All members of your family are willing to share their home with a child who needs care.
- All members of your family are in good health.