



# Foster Parenting and Special Needs Adoption

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## FOSTER PARENTING AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION THROUGH CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### INQUIRY

People who are interested in becoming a licensed foster or adoptive parent can visit the [Connecticut Department of Children and Families](#) (DCF) website, or call, 1-888-KID-HERO, or email, [kidhero@cafap.com](mailto:kidhero@cafap.com), for more general information.

### ONGOING SUPPORT

Ongoing support is provided to foster or adoptive parents, which includes:

- Buddy System – Peer support program that pairs newly licensed families with experienced foster or adoptive parents.
- Area Support Liaisons – Liaisons are available to help families with any questions or problems they may have regarding foster or adoptive care issues.
- Helpline – 24 hour phone line to help foster and adoptive parents who need to talk about their experiences and help with problem solving.
- Support groups are held all over the state on a regular basis. Types of groups include Foster/Adoptive Parents, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Spanish Speaking Foster/Adoptive Parents, Relative Care Provider, Complex Medical Needs and more.

### TO FIND PROVIDERS IN CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

Search by service names:

[Foster Parent/Family Recruitment](#)

[Adoptive Family Recruitment](#)

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