



Forever Families Through Adoption

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Foster 2 Forever

Over 100,000 children are waiting to be adopted in the USA foster care system. Forever Families Through Adoption, Inc. (FFTA) intends to reduce that number!

FFTA's new program *Foster 2 Forever* will provide future prospective adoptive families showing interest in adopting children currently in the USA foster system that are already freed for adoption and in need of permanent homes with the necessary state required training. FFTA is now trained to facilitate the state mandated training National Training and Development Curriculum, (NTDC) for parents to become approved to adopt older children that will be permanently adopted. These children may have histories of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, abandonment, and more difficult childhood traumas, to no fault of their own!

Our new initiative is open at this time to Westchester County and all New York State families interested in adopting children that are in the US foster system already freed for permanent adoption. There are currently over 113,000 children in the foster care system ready and hoping to be adopted and approximately 400,000 children living in the foster system. We all know that the government does not make for a good family and as Judge Kathie Davidson once said, "*One Day in Foster Care is One Day too Many.*"

These families must be interested in adopting children that are in the US foster system already freed for permanent adoption. The families will go through the intensive National Training & Development Curriculum (NTDC) training that FFTA staff will facilitate. Our FFTA staff received this 54-hour intensive and emotional training in Rensselaer, NY this summer and are prepared to provide the same training via zoom or on a one-on-one basis dependent on the needs of the interested prospective parents (PAPs). The PAPs will not only be trained by FFTA facilitators and well prepared to adopt the child/ren they are matched with, but they will also be approved by FFTA/NY State standards. We understand the extremely difficult journey all parents have ahead of them when adopting older children with a history that sometimes cannot even be put into words. FFTA will be helping these parents to not only put these children's truths into words, but also help the parents talk about how to help transform the feelings into facts so that the children (and parents), can verbalize their anger as well as their fears, and fantasies, and begin the long healing process together.

The intensive training and approval will take approximately three (3) months to complete with two staff members at each 3-hour training session, for each prospective adoptive family.

FFTA understands that this type of adoption is not for everyone and will be mindful of the "matching" process. On staff and within our Board of Directors we have adoptive parents, adoptees, birth parents, attorneys and social workers who will cautiously and protectively monitor each situation. FFTA's intends for the new adoptive families to maintain on-going relationships with FFTA and any birth family or foster parents, as well as keeping a "hot line" available for the adoptive parents or adoptees who need post placement services.

FFTA wants to ensure that these more "difficult" children find permanent, loving and secure homes and leave the foster care system.

These children need YOU, parents to love and nurture them, for who they are, not to look at their faults or where they came from.

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