

Who is a Resource Parent?

Resource parents are people with a love for children and a desire to positively impact families and their community. They tend to be flexible and compassionate. They come from varied backgrounds and together form a network of support. Resource families must be able to financially support themselves and provide a safe and stable home.

You can be:

- Single, married or living with a significant other
- Working in and /or out of the home
- Any age 21 years and older
- Rent, lease or own your home



“When you choose to enter into a family in crisis you get a front row seat to the transformational power of love.”

- Silvia and Dan Jesolva



Who are the children that need my help?

Children range in age from newborns to older adolescents. They come from every ethnic group and walk of life. Children come into foster care for multiple reasons. Many have experienced neglect, abuse, intra-family violence and prenatal drug exposure. Sadly, all of them have endured trauma in their lives. They need a safe place to begin their journey to healing. You can be that place.

What support is there for me?

Benefits of Fostering –

- Bring hope and healing to a child in need
- Assist a family in the process of reunification
- Network with other resource parents
- Monthly stipend and medical benefits to assist with the foster child's care and expenses

Services Provided to Our Families –

- Initial and ongoing training with a focus on attachment, cultural sensitivity and trauma informed care
- Training for biological children of foster parents
- Facilitation of monthly on-site support group meetings
- Three to four visitations a month by a Serenity social worker
- 24-hour/7 days emergency assistance by a master's level social worker
- Social/recreational family activities (agency picnics, holiday celebrations)



Therapeutic Learning Center

The Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC) program reduces the damaging effects of neglect, abuse, exposure to intra-family violence, parental substance abuse, etc. on children who have been exposed to these traumatic events. Serving foster and adopted children ranging from age 6 months to 5 years of age, professionally trained staff encourage children to express their hurt and anger, while teaching them appropriate social skills, and coping mechanisms. The children are also taught problem solving skills that will enable them to heal and stabilize in the environments in which they will ultimately live.



Opportunities to Foster

Traditional Foster Care

Traditional foster care provides services to children who have been detained from their biological families by the Department of Children and Family Services. Serenity contracts with Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to provide caring families for children in need of a home. The length of stay varies from just a few days to a few years.

The Serenity "Sleepover Program"

The "Sleepover Program" is a short-term care program that provides a safe home for children to begin their journey toward healing. Children are placed in the resource family home for 7 days to allow time for the Department of Children and Family Services to find an appropriate longer term foster care or relative placement.

Emergency Shelter Care

Much like the Sleepover Program, the Emergency Shelter Care program is a short-term program. This program provides care for 21 days, and may extend care for 30 days to children that may be detained after normal business hours and who may be experiencing foster care for the first time.



Our Programs

- Foster Care
- Foster to Adopt
- Therapeutic Learning Center
- Private Adoption Home Studies

Volunteer Opportunities

We are extremely thankful to our community of volunteers. We welcome individual volunteers and community groups. Volunteering at Serenity helps us to accomplish our goals and serve those in our care more fully. Ways you can partner with Serenity:

- Childcare
- Fundraisers/grant research
- Facility renovations
- Corporate sponsorship for special events
- Special work projects



Counties Served:

Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside

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