

FOSTER CARE RESOURCES

EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE.

WATCH AND SHARE
LACFaithAlliance.org/FOSTER



MORE THAN A STATISTIC

- There are 400,000 kids in the foster care system within the USA.
- 60% of child sex trafficking victims recovered through FBI raids across the U.S. in 2013 were from foster care or group homes.
- By the age 17, over half of youth in foster care experienced an arrest, conviction, or overnight stay in a correctional facility.
- Up to 36% of former foster youth experience homelessness in their lifetime.
- Former foster youth are 3x more likely than the general population to LACK a high school diploma or GED at the age of 26.

GET INVOLVED



There are multiple frightening outcomes awaiting many of the children in our nation, especially our former foster youth. But we learned that it only takes ONE person to change the life of a child. For when a child connects with ONE SAFE ADULT, their lives are transformed, revitalized and changed. You can be the ONE. Here is how:

SPONSOR - Find ways to support and donate to children/families in the foster care system.

ADVOCATE - Tutor or mentor a child, or even volunteer at a group home.

FOSTER - Learn how you can become a licensed foster parent or "auntie" or "uncle" that can assist a fostering family.

EDUCATE - Learn more about children in foster care by reading their stories, learning about their experiences, and educating yourself on how you can get more involved!

RESOURCES



LISTEN AND SHARE
E58worship.org/SAFE

"The heart behind 'Safe' was the idea that no matter how far we run from God, or how lost we feel, there's no where that we could go that would escape His love for us."
-Izzy Marcil, Songwriter

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE SERVICES + ORGANIZATIONS:

Children's Bureau, An Office of Administration for Children & Families - www.acf.hhs.gov

National Foster Parent Association - www.nfpaonline.org

Child Welfare Information Gateway - www.childwelfare.gov

Kidsave Adoption Agency, Forever Families, For All Kids, Everywhere - www.kidsave.org

Foster Coalition - www.fostercoalition.com

BOOKS

To The End of June: The Intimate Life of American Foster Care by Cris Beam

Three Little Words: A Memoir by Ashley Rhodes-Courter

Ready or Not: 30 Days of Discovery For Foster & Adoptive Parents by Pam Parish