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Our practice is to work with individuals who train to become foster parents, and then, if a child in DCS custody becomes available for adoption, the family caring for that child is generally the first option for adoption. This helps ensure the child already has a relationship with potential adoptive parents who have helped him or her navigate change, trauma and uncertainty and have offered continuity, safety and love.

### To Foster or Adopt

- You can be married, single or divorced
- You may or may not have other children
- You can own your own home or rent
- You can work full or part time

### For More Information

- If you are a Tennessee foster parent, please speak to your Family Service Worker.
- Read more on [tnfosters.gov](http://tnfosters.gov)
- Visit [adoptuskids.org](http://adoptuskids.org) for Tennessee listings.
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