

## Why Little City?

- ◆ Over 90% of children in our care remain in the same home
- ◆ An average of 10 children a year achieve a “forever family” through adoption or guardianship
- ◆ An extensive support and mentoring network for foster parents led by foster parents



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## About Little City

For more than 50 years, Little City has developed innovative and personalized programs to fully assist and empower children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. With a commitment to attaining a greater quality of life for hundreds of children and adults, Little City actively promotes choice, person-centered planning and a holistic approach to health and wellness.



Creating hope.  
Changing lives.  
Challenging all limits.

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## LITTLE CITY *Foster Care and Adoption Program*



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# LITTLE CITY'S *Foster Care & Adoption Program*



As part of our mission, Little City is committed to recruiting and supporting foster/adoptive families for children with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**We are searching for welcoming homes and loving parents regardless of age, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender-identification, income or education level.**

## Why should I foster or adopt?

- 1 To provide hope for a child with special needs.
- 2 To enhance a child's well-being in a safe and stable family environment.
- 3 To become a parent or expand your family.
- 4 To make a contribution to your community.

“I knew I fell in love with my foster children when I didn't care about waking up at three in the morning... when I didn't mind being there for them; I take deep pride in knowing they will be the people they were meant to be...because of me — *they can be whatever they dream.*”

—Dorothy Rosenthal,  
Published Author, Little City Foster Parent

## Questions to consider:

- ✦ Do you have the time, patience and commitment to care for a child with special needs?
- ✦ Do you have an interest in learning about how to help children with special needs?
- ✦ Will your support system (family or friends) support you with fostering or adopting?
- ✦ Are you willing to be an active team member of educational, child welfare and community providers?



We are committed to providing genuine care and concern for the children and families we serve while keeping the best interest of the child at the forefront.



## What are the qualifications for fostering or adopting?

- 1 Must be 21 years of age or older
- 2 Pass a background check
- 3 Provide a safe home with an available bed for a child
- 4 Possess a passion to make a difference in a child's life

## Five simple steps to becoming a foster parent:

- 1 Attend an orientation
- 2 Submit an application
- 3 Participate in required trainings
- 4 Engage in home and family assessments
- 5 Receive license to foster or adopt