

# Who are the Children?



**Children in need of foster families are diverse in age, race, background, religion and gender. But there are specific groups with more pronounced care requirements.**

## **Children Under Five**

From newborns to toddlers, very young children require a greater level of attention, vigilance for their safety and developmental guidance.

## **Adolescents**

For older children and teens, you come into their life at an important period in their educational and personal development. By caring for them, you help guide them toward adulthood and increased personal responsibility.

## **Siblings**

Preserving the emotional and historical connection between siblings is a special gift you can give these children. Allowing them to grow up together rather than separated can make an important difference in their happiness and development.

## **Children with Complex Medical Needs**

Children with complex health needs typically are the most challenging to place. Stability, attention and love are critical to their coping and their development. There are assistance programs to help you and the child succeed in this important alliance.

## **Other**

Children with significant developmental needs such as autism and children of color are in need of licensed caregivers. There is also a growing need for Spanish speaking families for children who speak only Spanish.