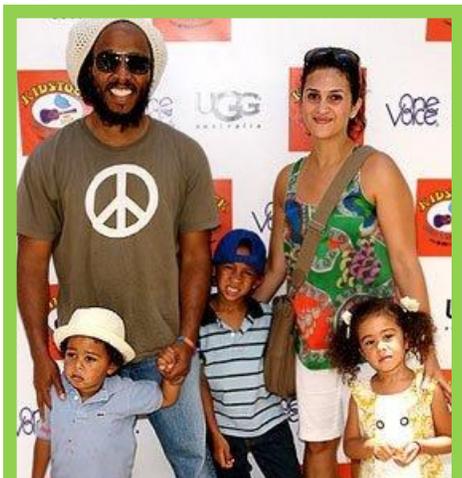


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- ◆ Works with the child's family to develop and implement a plan for the child to be returned to his/her family as soon as practicable.
- ◆ Works with the child's family to resolve the issues relating to the child's removal.
- ◆ Ensures that the foster family is suitable for the child
- ◆ Provides various levels of support for the foster family
- ◆ In cases where the circumstances for the child's return is complex, the Department encourages permanency for the child through adoption



Having A Caring Attitude

Protection of vulnerable groups

-Working towards the protection of children, the elderly, the disabled and other vulnerable groups in our society.

Strengthening family life

-Assisting families in their self-sufficiency as they fulfill their role to each other.

Working in Partnership

Collaboration in our service delivery

-Working in collaboration with other government departments, agencies and non-governmental organisations, to ensure the best and most appropriate service for clients

Seeking continuous Improvement

Efficiency

Ensuring that all persons and groups receiving a service from the Department are served in an efficient and timely manner

Services appropriate to need

Providing support services through education, counseling, mediation and motivational sessions.

Acknowledging uniqueness and diversity

Recognising the uniqueness of each client and the cultural environment from which they come and in which they live.

Regular Reviews

Reviewing policies, procedures and legislation that impact on our services.

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FOSTER CARE

A FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD



What is the purpose of Foster Care?

The purpose of Foster care is to provide a **planned, temporary alternative family placement** for children who need to be cared for outside of their own family setting.



Some children need foster care because.....

- ◆ They may have been emotionally, physically or sexually abused.
- ◆ They may have been persistently neglected or abandoned
- ◆ The Family may not be in a financial, emotional or mental position or capacity to care for the child.
- ◆ Parents cannot provide the basics: food, clothing, and shelter, as well as the love, stability, guidance and discipline that all children need.



Foster parenting is similar to parenting your own children because the foster parent

- ◆ Provides daily care and supervision of a child
- ◆ Provides a warm, loving environment for the child
- ◆ Provides for child's basic physical needs
- ◆ Work with schools, medical personnel, and other professionals
- ◆ Guide child's development in all areas: physical, emotional, social, spiritual, etc.
- ◆ Provides structure, rules, and discipline
- ◆ Teaches values and self-direction
- ◆ Model appropriate family relationships
- ◆ Communicates with Department of Social Development regularly
- ◆ Is accountable for the child's safety and wellbeing.
- ◆ Is committed to caring for the child.

Foster parenting is different from natural parenting; the foster parent must.....

- ◆ Accept child at a variety of developmental levels which may not match his/her chronological age
- ◆ Accept having only limited time working with the child
- ◆ Accept agency/department involvement and responsibilities
- ◆ Comply with Court Orders and
- ◆ keep records
- ◆ Work with birth parents or family (if appropriate)
- ◆ Will be able to make only limited decisions
- ◆ Respect confidentiality
- ◆ Respect and nurture the child's cultural, social and religious background
- ◆ Report changes in family household to the Department
- ◆ Be able to offer flexibility and follow through in carrying out the objectives of the care plan (transportation, visitation, therapy, etc.)