Foster Care: Statistics in 2022

Children in foster care need safe and loving care until they can rejoin their family, as well as the support that comes from a foster parent. As a foster parent, you can make an immeasurable impact in the lives of these families, helping them thrive during a particularly difficult time. These statistics showcasing the current state of foster care help illuminate some of the lesser known facts surrounding foster care today.

Current State of Foster Care in the US/Nebraska

6,231 children
There are approximately 6,231 children in foster care in Nebraska.

913 children
913 of these children are waiting for adoptive families.

1/3 fosters
More than one-third of children in foster care and youth experience living with more than two foster families each year.

Nearly 50%
Since 2000, nearly half of foster children have been care by non-relative foster families. The other 50% are cared by relatives or kin.

139 children
NCHS served 139 children in foster care in fiscal year 21-22.

93 families
NCHS supported 93 licensed foster and kinship families in fiscal year 21-22.

Make A Difference
Become a Foster Parent

Our foster care team is well-equipped with the information and strategies you need to explore options for becoming a foster care parent. Together, we can ensure you have access to the resources and support you need to provide safe and loving care for every child and their family. Give us a call at 402.859.9996 to learn more today!

Sources: