

# WHEN A BIRTH PARENT IS UNABLE TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN FOR A PERIOD OF TIME

FOSTER CARE



FAMILY PLACEMENT

#### Foster care

Montana Child and Family Services (CFS) determines a child needs to be placed in foster care. A kinship placement will be explored first. If a kinship placement is unavailable, then a child is placed in a foster family.

Apply with CFS at <a href="mailto:dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD/Fosterparent">dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD/Fosterparent</a> to become a foster family in Montana.

## Family taking care of family

When a family member or family friend is asked to temporarily care for a child, Montana Kinship Navigator Program can help.

Visit <u>msuextension.org/mtknp</u> to learn about the Montana Kinship Navigator Program, or contact them with your questions at <u>mtknp@montana.edu</u> or (833) 445-3395.

## HOW FAITH COMMUNITIES CAN HELP



## Actively recruit foster families.

Child Bridge (<u>childbridgemontana.org</u>) works with faith communities in Montana to find, train and connect foster families with supports needed to successfully foster children who have suffered abuse and neglect.

## AND/OR

## Provide wraparound supports to vulnerable children and families.

Promise 686 (<u>promise686.org</u>) is a faith-based organization in Montana that develops church-based FAMS (Family Advocacy Ministry) to support children and families with prevention and intervention supports.