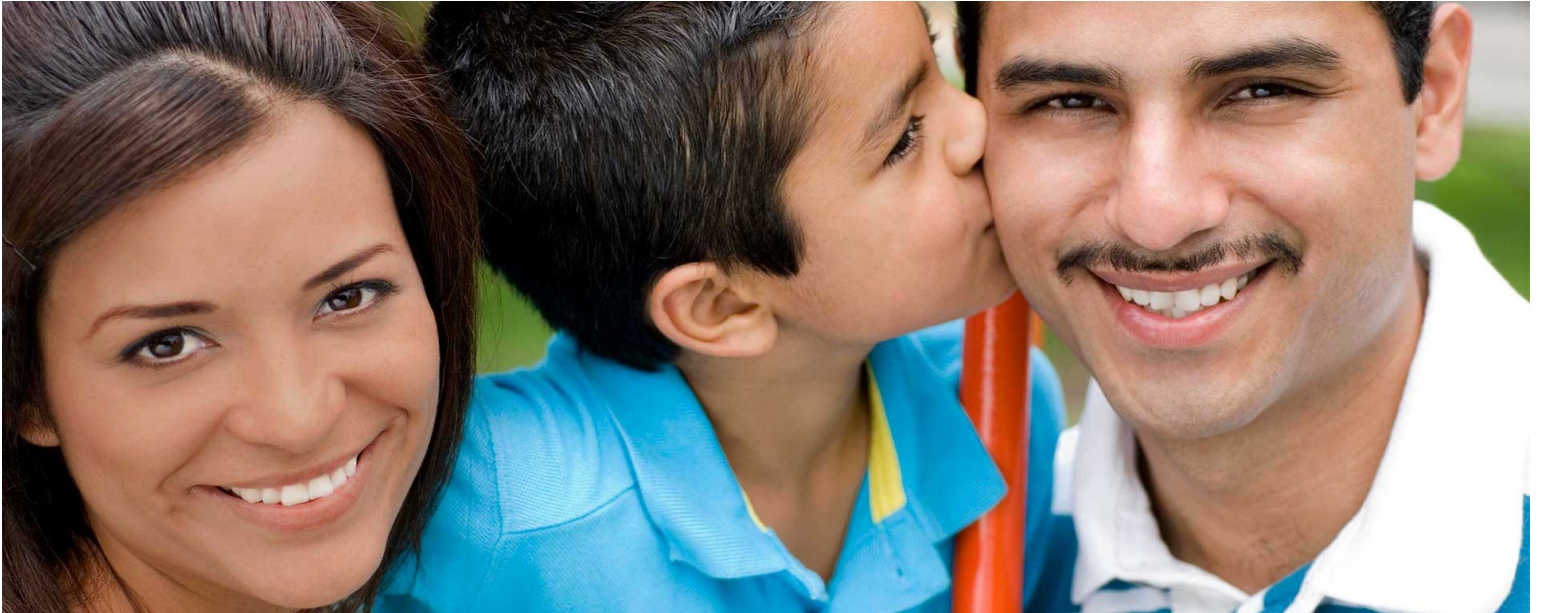


# FOSTER LOVE, FOSTER OUR FUTURE

*The newsletter about being a Foster Parent with Coalition for Hispanic Family Services*



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5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

“Being a foster parent was something that I felt I needed in my heart for some time now. I told myself, if I was able to be a foster parent one day, I had to do it. I wanted to open my home to these children as soon as I got the space. However, I didn’t find the kids, they found me.

My first time being a foster parent was when a family member sought me out to see if I could take care of their child. I had raised this child as my own since birth. The second time I became a foster parent was when a friend of mine begged me to take in her two teenagers, one 10 years old and the other 14, and I, of course, accepted.

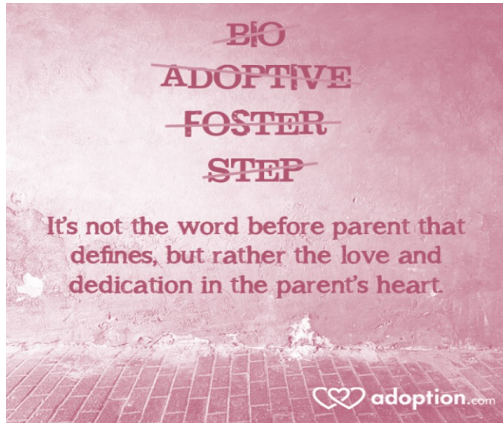
Foster parenting is an adjustment. I am single, so raising a baby and adding two teenagers to my family took me time to adjust. It took time to adjust to different appointments and visits. However, not too long after, it became like second nature.

Like any parenting, there are ups and downs. However, Coalition has KEEP classes to give you the strategies that you can apply to your home life to handle these different up and down situations. I continue to attend KEEP classes at the Coalition. I hope others show love to these children.”

- Nancy, Foster Parent at Coalition for Hispanic Family Services

To sign up for an orientation:

Fill out this **contact form** OR Call 718-497-6090 \*792



Do you love children? Do you have an income? Do you have additional space in your home? Then become a foster parent with the Coalition for Hispanic Family Services. We offer many resources to help you as a foster parent and to help your foster child! Don't be afraid to ask when you need additional help!

## Q&A of the Week: What can I do if I can't foster a child right now?

Even if you cannot foster right now, there are plenty of ways you can support our children. You can attend one of our weekly, non-committal, prospective foster parent orientation that happens every Thursday from 5 pm to 7 pm at 315 Wyckoff Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11237. You can also contact us here and ask to be added to our contact list to receive our newsletter and find out about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. You can also volunteer at our community centers or at our community events. You can also attend the Bushwick Community Partnership monthly meetings every 3rd Tuesday from 10 am to 12 pm at Hope Gardens Community Center to learn about and to brainstorm solution on how to better support child and family well-being in our community (no RSVP required).

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## Advice from Our Foster Parent Nancy



“To be a foster parent, you have to have a love of children. The children who come into your care have different issues, and its necessary to have this love for children. As a first time foster parent, you have the notion that fostering will be like a bed of roses. Initially it is. There is a honeymoon stage when the children first come under your care when there are no issues at all. However, as time passes, you find out there are different issues that the children are facing that you can, and will, help them through. You have been given the strategies to face these difficult situations.

The best advice I can give any first time foster parent, or any one considering becoming a foster parent, is to have patience for the child that comes into your care and always show love.”

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# General Information

## Programs & Services

Arts & Literacy After School & Summer Camp

Beacon Center After School & Summer Camp

Community Residence

Cornerstone Community Centers After School &  
Summer Camp (Hope Gardens & Cooper Park)

Family Foster Care

Mental Health Services

Preventive Services

Treatment Family Foster Care

Wendy's Wonderful Kids

**Interested in learning more  
about becoming a foster parent?**

**Call** 718-497-6090 and ask for  
"Homefinding"

**Visit** Homefinding at 313 Wyckoff Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11237

**Message** Homefinding's [contact form](#) with  
any of your questions

**To learn more about our programs:**

**Call:** 718-497-6090

**Visit:** 315 Wyckoff Ave, 4th Floor,  
Brooklyn, NY 11237

**Explore** our website:  
[www.hispanicfamilyservicesny.org](http://www.hispanicfamilyservicesny.org)

# Upcoming Events

## 2019 ORIENTATION CALENDAR

Every Thursday | Cada jueves

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

English, Spanish, and/or Bilingually as needed | Se habla español

### June

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

### July

11th, 18th, 25th

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