



**FOSTER CARE
& ADOPTIVE
ASSOCIATION
OF OKLAHOMA**

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About FCAO

Since 1996, FCAO has provided free education and training, led advocacy efforts for positive change in the child welfare system, and built a caring community of mentors and fellow foster and adoptive parents for thousands of Oklahoma families.

Retention Programs and Services

Foster Parent Peer Mentor Program

FCAO has led the charge by starting the first foster mentor program to serve Oklahoma's families. Each mentor is matched with a foster parent for nine months. Mentors provide education, encouragement, and one-on-one support on a daily basis as they help guide foster parents through the barriers inherent in the child welfare system.

Foster Parent Advocacy

Through excellent relationships with OKDHS and current legislators, FCAO is actively involved in policy initiatives and legislative pursuits at the state level.



Events & Support Groups

FCAO offers opportunities for families to enhance their knowledge and skills with free trainings and specialized events held throughout the year. Additionally, free online resources and support groups are available across the state, including a virtual option.

Giveaways

Every two weeks, FCAO gives \$150 to a foster parent couple or a single parent to use toward much needed pampering, rest, or unexpected expenses for their children.

Mentee

"Without my mentor, this last year probably would have been the end of my fostering journey. But since I was supported, loved, and heard through it all, I am able to keep pushing even after the last month. Just having someone who is there always and 100% understands how you feel is completely life changing. I think every new foster parent should know about and be apart of the mentor/mentee program!"

Mentor

"I was able to go to court with a mentee last Thursday, and I'm so glad I was there to explain what was happening! It was overwhelming in the most fantastic way."



DHS Recruiter

"[The foster mother] could not be more pleased with how the process has gone. She said that [her mentor] has been extremely helpful and supportive and has been available to answer all her questions. She would recommend the Mentor Program to ALL new foster parents!"

