WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?
Understanding what it is, the process to become certified, community support and worthy rewards of being a foster parent

DEFINITION OF FOSTER CARE
children live with relative or non-relative adults who have been approved by the State, or by an agency licensed by the State, to provide them with shelter and care. Also known as out of home care.

TYPES OF FOSTER PLACEMENTS
- unrelated home
- relative home
- group home
- residential facility
- emergency shelter
- youth corrections

CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR BECOMING A FOSTER HOME
1. Attend a meeting with Denver Human Services
2. Attend a pre-screen interview
3. Attend a five week training
4. Submit appropriate documents
5. Prepare your home for a child

SUPPORT
- Denver Human Services provides workers to navigate the process
- Mentorship program with other foster parents
- Social events and supports groups with community foster families
- Reimbursement to offset the cost of raising a child
- Resources and other supports as needed

REWARDS
- Fill a big need in the community, Denver only has 150 certified foster homes with over 900 children needing help at any given time.
- Offering critical protection and basic provisions for children until their parents are ready and able to ensure those needs are met.
- You can make a big difference by helping one child 💜