

# Working with IMPOWER

Since 2005, **IMPOWER** has successfully helped to create more than 1,000 forever families through finalized adoptions!

**Comprehensive Support** - Through every step of the process, from the initial stages, to placement, and the adoption order, our experienced team will provide you with the direction and advice you need to succeed.

**Thorough Assessment and Preparation** - Selected individuals and families will receive thorough assessment and guidance to help you think through how adoption will affect you and your family. Our training courses will further prepare you.

**Careful Matching and Planning** - We're child focused so finding the right match for our kids is our priority!

**Post Adoption Services** - It is not uncommon for challenges to arise after an adoption is finalized and you and your child adjust to your new lives. **IMPOWER's** Post Adoption Services are available to assist through your journey and connect you with needed resources and supports.



Angels in Adoption®

**IMPOWER** is a proud recipient of the Angels in Adoption Award by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI).

**IMPOWER** is a non-profit mental health, substance misuse and child well-being organization dedicated to the mission of



“changing lives by protecting, counseling, teaching and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential.”

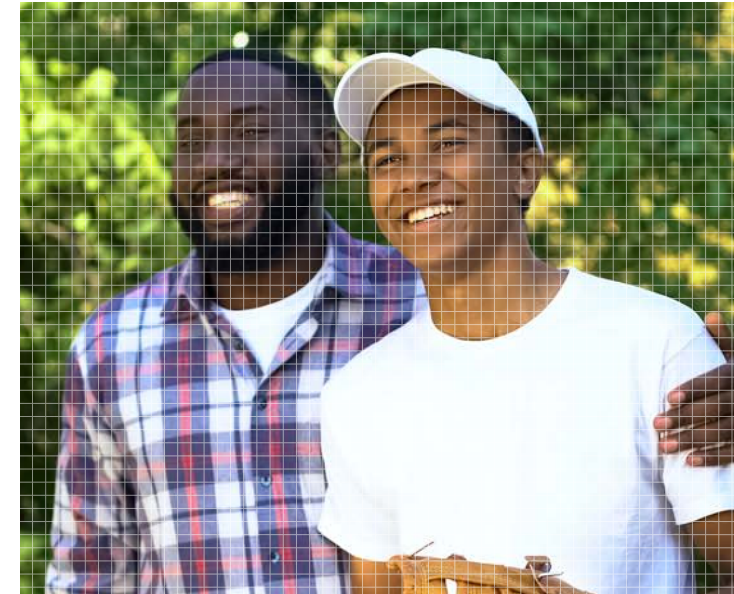
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## Adoption from Foster Care

Serving Brevard County

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and a forever family.*

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## Adopting from Foster Care

Children that have been removed from their family's care due to abuse or neglect are placed into the child welfare system, i.e. foster care. If their family is unable to remediate the circumstances surrounding the abuse or neglect, parental rights are terminated and the child becomes legally freed for adoption. These children remain in foster care until age 18 or a forever family is found.

***At any time, there are hundreds of children across Florida awaiting adoption. In Brevard County, IMPOWER works in partnership with Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) to find these children the right family to provide their forever home.***

### Who are the children available for adoption?

- All races and ethnicities
- Most over the age of 10 years old
- Many are part of a sibling group
- They have experienced major losses and trauma
- Children with disabilities, medical needs or learning difficulties
- They will need behavioral and psychological support

## How the Adoption Process Works

### Who can adopt?

- Must be over the age of 21
- All individuals, couples or families with realistic hopes and expectations
- Health and energy to provide a long-term family for a child
- Willingness to recognize and embrace the importance of utilizing resources available pre and post-adoption

### How much does it cost to adopt?

Typically, child welfare adoptions are completed with little to no cost to the adoptive family.

### How long does it take to be ready to adopt?

The answer varies, but the process can usually be completed in 6-8 months.

## Start Your Journey

### Are you ready to explore adoption?

Complete an Initial Adoption Inquiry Form on our website or attend a free 1 hour orientation. Both will offer a chance to talk with our experienced staff and provide an overview of the entire child welfare adoption process.

If we all agree to proceed after orientation, we'll guide you from start to finish of your adoption journey which will include:

- Completion of specialized training
- A thorough home study
- Background, employment and reference checks
- The chance to change a life - including yours!

**“Adoption - because family isn't made from blood, it's made from love.”**