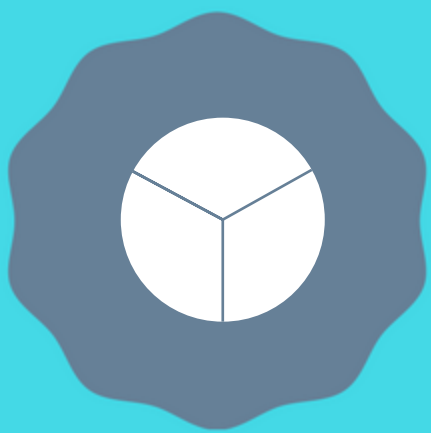


SIBLING GROUPS IN FOSTER CARE

frequently asked questions



How many children in foster care have siblings?

According to a study from the National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice and Permanency Planning, approximately two-thirds of children in foster care within the US also have a sibling who is in foster care.



Why do you want to keep sibling groups together?

Sibling relationships are emotionally powerful and important for all children, but especially for those in out-of-home care. For many in care, their siblings might have been one of the only constants in their lives. Research has also shown that children with sibling relationships have fewer behavioral and mental health issues, and a higher self-worth.



Sometimes isn't it better for siblings to be separated?

When a child is removed from the home, there is no one who understands the trauma of parental separation and loss like a sibling. In some cases, sibling separations can be even more traumatic than separation from parents. There may be some individual case situations where siblings cannot safely be placed together but this is rare.



Why place an infant with siblings when they don't know each other?

The sibling relationship is the longest relationship an individual is likely to have and we want to do everything we can to nurture that relationship for all children. This question is often easier to understand if you consider how we would answer a young adult's question as to why they weren't placed with known siblings when they could have been.

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