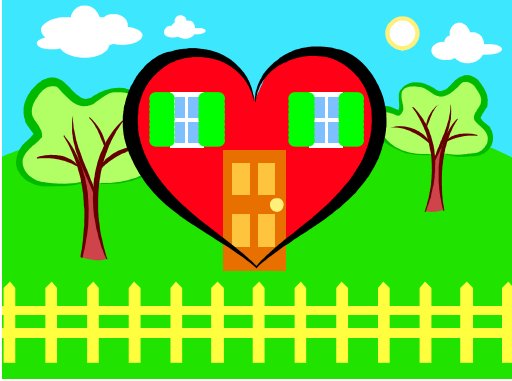


## ► Adoption



Family Builders of Catawba Valley presents four options to resource families (both adoptive and fostering) who parent children in their care. Upon application to foster or adopt children in the agency's legal custody and care, applicant families are given choices of children they may choose to parent:

1. If a family desires to foster children, they are considered fostering only.
2. If a family desires to adopt a child, whose plan is not yet adoption and for whom family reunification seems unlikely, then they are considered as a foster/adopt family.
3. Should an adoptive family become licensed to foster a child whose plan is adoption but who is not legally cleared, that family would qualify for a legal risk adoptive placement.
4. A family who chooses to only adopt a child who is legally free would qualify for a fully cleared adoption.

In the first three options above, the family must be licensed.

Foster parents who are interested in adopting a child living in their home should talk with the foster care social worker and notify their licensing social worker.

You may secure an application for adoption from Family Builders of Catawba Valley. When you return the completed application to a supervisor at FBCV, this is the first step in the adoption home preplacement assessment process. (See Adoption Policies and Procedures for further clarification).

The foster family will be given consideration for adoption **when the child becomes free for adoption**. Siblings shall be placed together whenever possible unless contrary to the child's developmental, treatment and/or safety needs.



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