

Test Your Knowledge: Foster Care

T/F Siblings always stay together while in the foster care system.

T/F The goal when a foster care case is opened is for the child to be reunified with their biological parents

T/F 47 children a day enter the foster care system nationally.

T/F Children that are in foster care are typically bad kids.

T/F The percentage of African American children in care between 2006 and 2015 decreased, while the percentages of children in foster care of any other race increased.

T/F Only married couples can become foster parents.

T/F In 2015 there were 415,129 children in foster care in the United States.

T/F Once a child is placed with a foster family they will remain there until their case is closed.

T/F Every child in foster care is eventually adopted.

T/F Often times, the biological parents of kids in foster care have been in foster care themselves at some point.

Parents who have had their kids removed and placed in foster care: (Check all that apply)

- are often living without support
- are unfit to ever have another child
- have often experienced trauma
- often come from under resourced backgrounds
- do not want their child
- are unqualified to parent

_____ of youth that age out of foster care complete a college education.

- a) 3%
- b) 10%
- c) 26%
- d) 51%

In Texas, _____ of caseworkers turnover each year.

- a) 10%
- b) 20%
- c) 30%
- d) 40%

Which of the following is a requirement for becoming a certified foster parent?

- a) a lot of money
- b) a large house
- c) a home study
- d) experience in parenting

What is the average number of placements for a child in foster care?

- a) 1
- b) 5
- c) 3
- d) 2

_____ % of children in foster care spend 1 to 11 months in care.

- a) 13
- b) 27
- c) 29
- d) 35

What is a possible outcome for when a foster care case is closed?

- a) child returns to biological family
- b) child is adopted
- c) child remains until they age out
- d) all of the above

Answer Key

The foster care system exists because of brokenness. Our hope through this quiz is to reveal new information as well as stereotypes we hold but were unaware of previously. We want to better educate ourselves so that we are able to care for all parties involved.

T/F **False**- Although case workers try to keep siblings together, it is not always possible.

T/F **True**- The ultimate goal in foster care is reunification-- for the kids to return to their biological family.

T/F **True**

T/F **True**- Kids who are in foster care are not "bad" but often are removed from their home because their circumstances are no longer safe.

T/F **True**

T/F **False**- Single individuals can also become certified to foster.

T/F **True**

T/F **False**- Often times kids have several placements in different homes while in foster care.

T/F **False**- The child may return to their biological family, they may remain in foster care, or they may be adopted.

T/F **True**- Foster care is often cyclical, meaning the parents of kids in foster care were often in foster care themselves at some point.

Parents who have had their kids removed and placed in foster care: (Check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are often living without support | <input type="checkbox"/> are unfit to ever have another child |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have often experienced trauma | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> often come from under resourced backgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> do not want their child | <input type="checkbox"/> are unqualified to parent |

The colored answers are true and the answers left black are false. Biological parents of kids in foster care are often misunderstood and easily blamed. It is important to confront the stereotypes we hold so that we may view them as humans who are just as broken as we are.

_____ of youth that age out of foster care complete a college education.

a) 3%

Youth who age out of foster care often leave the system with little to no support, leaving them without motive or empowerment that we often have to succeed in completing college.

What is the average number of placements for a child in foster care?

c) 3

Permanency is the goal in foster care-- to place a child in a home that can be as permanent as possible. However, many children receive several placements causing increased trauma.

In Texas, _____ of caseworkers turnover each year.

c) 30%

The job of a caseworker is exhausting, draining, and hard. Often caseworkers are over worked in a field that is filled with brokenness. We can help sustain these workers with encouragement.

_____ % of children in foster care spend 1 to 11 months in care.

d) 35

1 to 11 months is the most common time frame that a child will remain in foster care as the state decides what will be best for the child.

Which of the following is a requirement for becoming a certified foster parent?

c) a home study

There are requirements regarding your home/space and income that need to be met in order to foster. Your agency will provide training on parenting and will check your home thoroughly in a home study.

What is a possible outcome for when a foster care case is closed?

d) all of the above

When a case is closed, most likely the child in foster care will return to their biological family, will be adopted by their foster family, or will be adopted by another family.