

*Open your heart
and your home*



Siblings in Best Settings (SIBS)

Siblings In Best Settings (SIBS) is a program for Resource Families willing and able to accommodate large sibling groups of four or more.

Recommendations for SIBS families can come from the following:

- Resource Family Staff
- Local Office case work staff or Area Office staff
- Office of Licensing Staff (OOL)

Once a family is identified, your Area Resource Family Specialist will reach out and explain the program and verify your interest.

Your Resource Family Support Worker will make an assessment focusing on the resource parent's unique ability to care for 4 or more children with an emphasis on the resource home space, resource parent(s) family and community support systems, and transportation plans to include an updated safety assessment.

Once the placement of a sibling group of 4 or more occurs, the SIBS resource family will receive an additional \$100 above the regular board per child in placement. This additional board rate may be utilized for recreational needs, respite care and other supportive services.

Families who accept sibling groups of 4 or more will receive comprehensive support services, such as:

- Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) will offer the SIBS resource homes peer to peer support in their county. FAFS will also offer in-service programs focused on sibling issues.

Keeping siblings together improves placement stability. The sibling bond is usually the longest relationship of our lives and is essential to the healthy development of all children.

For more information on participating in this program contact your local Resource Family Support Worker.

1-877 NJ FOSTER
www.njfooster.org

1-800 99 ADOPT
www.njadopt.org



SIBS Resource Families can be:

- existing foster or kinship homes
- with or without children in placement
- new applicants going through the licensing process

\$200 Retainer Fee

If there are no children in placement, families will be compensated with a \$200 monthly retainer to ensure that we preserve the home for a sibling group of 4 or more. Note that homes will be assessed on a monthly basis to determine appropriateness of continuation.



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