# CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

#### Ask yourself the following questions:

- Are you at least 21 years old?
- Are you in good physical and mental health?
- Is your income sufficient to meet the basic needs of the household?
- Are you willing to attend training?
- Do you have the additional space in your home for a child to be placed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, don't wait! Join our Tribe today!

For additional information, visit our website:

centexservicetribe.com



## WHO IS THE TRIBE?

CenTex Service Tribe is the creation of its founder and CEO, Tina Richardson. The Central Texas native has a passion for serving others and refers to those who share this passion as her "Tribe".

The word "Tribe" refers to people who share a common culture or interest. The common culture of CenTex Service Tribe, a Child Placing Agency for foster care and adoption, is putting Family First and restoring the Spirit of every child.







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## **WHO WE ARE**

We are a culturally diverse, passiondriven team of professionals seeking to restore the spirit of every child. We aim to protect the children in our care while focusing on the families we support.

#### What We Do

To child welfare professionals, CenTex Service Tribe is the catalyst that restores the spirit of every child from tough places; because the power to transform a broken spirit begins in a safe, nurturing home.

#### **Our Mission**

The Mission of CenTex Service Tribe is to serve children first by placing them in safe homes while supporting all families and community partners through education and collaboration





There are NO unwanted children... Just unfound families.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

- In January 2019, there were 29,927 children in foster care in Texas and **3,378** children waiting for adoptive families.
- In March 2021, it was reported that 237 children slept in CPS offices across Texas due to the lack of beds.
- Texas gained **393** beds for children in FY 2020 but lost 540 beds. So far in FY 2021, Texas lost 696 beds, but have only gained 112 beds.
- It takes **5-10** additional adults providing support and care for a foster or adoptive family for that family to be successful.

### **OUR IMPACT**

The ultimate goal of foster care is to reunite a child with his or her family. Until that moment comes, foster families provide a safe and nurturing home where a child is able to heal, grow, and thrive. CenTex Service Tribe prides itself in recruiting highly qualified families to make this happen.

## **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

Foster families receive comprehensive educational trainings, ongoing support services, engaging family activities, and financial assistance

#### **Community Support**

CenTex Service Tribe is committed to the children of our community and the wonderful people who come alongside us to support them. Community partners make the difference between families who just survive and families who fully thrive.

Even if you do not feel called to foster you can still help. You can help with:

- Babysitting
- Meals
- Prayer
- Clothina
- Respite care **Transportation**
- Mentoring