

When We Work Together



When it comes to keeping families together and strong, everyone needs to come to the table. This includes biological families, foster parents, community partners and the case manager doing what is in the best interest for the children and preserving familiar bonds whenever possible.

This is why we love when we hear stories of foster parents and biological parents working together to form a strong partnership and respecting each other's role in helping and protecting their children. This past holiday season brought to our attention a wonderful story of a foster parent, three biological mothers and Santa Claus.

A current foster parent, with three children under the age of three in her home, wanted to make sure the children had the chance to meet Santa Claus and so prepared to take them to the mall to get photos with Santa. She knew that a child's photo with Santa is a traditional part of the holiday season for those who celebrate Christmas and helps to cultivate the magic that is often associated with the season for those kids.

However, she did not stop there. She knows the ultimate goal is reunification and so wanted to make sure this memory could be shared with the biological families. She invited the biological parents for all three of these children to attend and take photos with Santa.

While waiting for their turn to take photos, the mothers and children were able to spend time together in the waiting area. The photo studio was so touched by this story and how much it meant to all the parties involved that they provided the photos free of charge. The foster parent was able to print out and provide a photo to each mother.

This is the sort of amazing story that we hope becomes more and more normal as our foster and biological families continue to work together and form partnerships. If you have stories like this to share, we would love to hear from you and highlight them here in The Caregiver Courier. Please feel free to reach out to us by sending an email to DFSPartnership@Clarkcountynv.gov.