

IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK.

THE ALTERNATIVE CARE PROGRAM NEEDS YOU

JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY
AND BECOME
A FOSTER PARENT OR CARE
SUPPORTER



**WE APPRECIATE EVERY HELPING HAND
& FAMILY WE CAN GET!**

YOUR TIME, EFFORT, AND
PRESENCE WILL MAKE A WORLD OF
DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF MIGRANT CHILDREN



WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE CARE PROGRAMME?

Firstly, Alternative Care is a term used to describe the care provided for children by persons other than their parents. The goal of the programme is to find caring families for separated/unaccompanied migrant children presently in Trinidad & Tobago.

This type of arrangement can be formal or informal.

Formal (Foster Parent) means that the child is directly cared for in your home. Informal (Care Supporter) means providing support to a child living independently. Alternative care can also take the form of kinship care or any other family-based placement.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE ALTERNATIVE CARE PROGRAMME?

1. Children who are deemed at risk from violence, abuse or exploitation.
2. Children whose parents or primary caregiver lack the socio-economic ability to care for them.

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IS ALTERNATIVE CARE A PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT?

No. It is a temporary but structured solution to support unaccompanied/separated migrant children who are brought to the attention of Children's Authority or any other agency which supports those at risk.

WHY ALTERNATIVE CARE IN FAMILIES?

A home with love, care, values and psychosocial support is the best place for children to thrive.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF USING FAMILIES?

Familial-type support offers the best transition for children. It makes dealing with cultural differences more manageable and provides better support for the child's development.

IS THERE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Yes, some amount of financial support is given. However, families must be able to support the child economically since this support may be temporary.

CAN I EVENTUALLY ADOPT THE CHILD?

This is a question asked by many and the answer is contingent on many variables in the child's life. But the Alternative Care Programme is a foster care process which is temporary by nature. Therefore any petition for adoption needs to go through the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

HOW CAN I BECOME A CAREGIVER OR CARE SUPPORTER?

Becoming a Caregiver or Care Supporter is easy. You would be required to complete the following:

1. The ACP online registration form.
2. Complete (2) UNICEF courses:
 - One on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation & Abuse
 - The other on Child Protection in Emergencies
3. The submission of a Police Certificate of Character

Both English speaking families as well as Spanish speaking families who are nationals, or have residency status in Trinidad & Tobago, are encouraged to join the programme.

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BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY!

For further information on the Alternative Care Programme or to register, please contact the following:

Catholic Commission For Social Justice
The Archdiocese Ministry for Migrants & Refugees
(AMMR)

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