

Many Foster Parents Are Related to the Child

Kin Foster Homes as a Percent of All Foster Homes

According to the 1997 National Survey of America's Families, more than 2 million children in the U.S. were being cared for in homes in which their parents were not present. Approximately 230,000 children lived in family foster homes with foster parents who were not related to them.

Approximately 1.8 million children who lived apart from their parents, were cared for by relatives. The vast majority of these children (1.3 million) have no contact with child welfare authorities. However, 200,000 of these children were placed in foster care after a court had adjudicated them as abused and neglected.

