



# It Takes A Village: Parents Partnering For Youth

*“Parenting should be like a symphony. Right now, birth and foster parents are apart and we have different keys..disjointed. When we come together with different notes, it is better for kids.”* Stacie..foster parent

*“ It doesn’t matter whether we are birth parents, foster parents..what you call us. We are family, and we want to speak together for children.”*

Jeremiah..birth parent

## 2016 UCD Center for Poverty Research Study

*“Efforts that emphasize the positive impacts of foster care for other members of foster youths’ birth and resource families may particularly help to boost public interest in supporting foster youth.”*

*“When asked about potential benefits of fostering, respondents were two to ten times more likely to focus on benefits to foster youth and biological parents than financial or social/emotional benefits for themselves.” \*

*“Certain perceived benefits demonstrated notable associations with adults’ willingness to foster. For example, half of willing parents selected “Helps biological parent(s) get the services they need to better care for their children.”*