



Foster/ Adopt

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How old do you have to be to become a foster parent?

A. Foster parents need to be at least 21 years old.

Q. Do you have to be married to be a foster parent?

A. No, You can be legally married or single, as long as there has been no change in marital status for at least one year.

Q. Can you have a full-time job and still be a foster parent?

A. Yes, we have foster parents who are homemakers, who work part-time, and who work full-time. As long as your job allows you flexibility for things like appointments for the children in your home and meetings with the agency staff, you can work full-time.

Q. What do you have to do to become a foster parent?

A. In order to become a foster parent, you will need to complete 39 hours of classroom training (this is called pre-service training) and a family homestudy.

Q. What is a foster care homestudy?

A. The homestudy process consists of thorough interviews of family members, paperwork, background checks, and home safety checks. The purpose of the homestudy is to determine whether fostering will work for your family, and if so, what types and ages of foster children would work best with your family.

Q. How long does it take to become a foster parent?

A. The pre-service training sessions are offered three times a year. The sessions span over a six week period. Once it has been initiated, the homestudy process should be completed within 90-180 days, depending on the number of families being studied.