

STEPS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT



CONTACT A HOMEFINDER IN YOUR AREA

Each county has a Homefinder responsible for recruiting, certifying, and maintaining foster homes specific to that area. Having a dedicated staff allows our foster parents the opportunity to get to know their Homefinder and develop a supportive relationship.



MEET US FOR AN ORIENTATION

Whether it's at your home, our office, or in a community setting, we are there to answer all of your questions. Our Homefinder will provide you with an overview of the process to become a foster parent and taking the next step only happens when you are ready.



COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

The application process is an essential step to becoming a foster parent. This is a great time for you to get to know our team and for us to get to know you and your family. We will walk you through the paperwork and answer any questions you may have.



ATTEND OUR MAPP TRAINING

Our Model Approach to Partnership and Parenting (MAPP) training has 10 sessions facilitated by a trained staff. Families will explore concepts such as Understanding the Role of the Foster Parent, Partnership with Birth Families, Losses & Gains, and more. These sessions help families decide on whether or not fostering is right for them.



COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

After completing the MAPP sessions, additional paperwork is collected and your Homefinder will complete a final walk-thru of your home prior to certification. Our team works to complete the Final Assessment & Determination which includes recommendations to certify your home.



YOUR FIRST PLACEMENT

You will receive a call from us to take a child into your home. Sometimes the calls are for short-term placements, to provide another foster parent a break, or long-term with a child returning to their birth family or being freed for adoption. Throughout the time a child is in your home, your Family Specialist will be there to support both the child and your family.