

# HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT



## 1) FIND A FOSTER CARE LICENSING AGENCY

Through an online search you should be able to locate agencies in your area that are in charge of licensing foster homes. You will need to be a licensed foster home before children can be placed with you.



## 2) CONTACT AGENCY AND COMPLETE APPLICATION

After you have found the right agency for you, contact them and complete the foster care application.



## 3) HOME STUDY/FAMILY ASSESSMENT

This is where the licensing worker will assess your ability to care for children and the safety of your home. This might consist of several home visits lasting 3-6 months



## 4) REFERENCES/BACKGROUND CHECKS

All adults in the home will have to have a background check.



## 5) ORIENTATION/TRAINING

Your licensing agency will provide the needed training. These trainings can take 3-4 months. This will occur simultaneously with the Home Study.



## 6) LICENSURE

Congratulations!! You're now a licensed foster parent.



BE HAPPY ALWAYS

