

Is This the Right Time for Me to Make a Difference and Be a Resource (Foster/Adoptive) Parent?

Thank you for opening your heart and considering becoming a Resource parent. Please review the 10 questions below. This is not a test and we will not be asking to see your answers. Answering 'Yes' to all the questions then you are likely ready to start! If you answered 'No' to additional questions, other than #5, then you may want to discuss those questions with a social worker before starting the process. 'No' responses might also help you determine whether this is or isn't the right time for you to become a Resource parent. You may decide to make some changes in order to proceed now or wait until you're ready. Please be sure to complete the form to the second page.

		Yes	No	Does Not Apply
1.	I am a resident of _____ County.			
2.	I have enough room in my home for another child. Unless a child is 2 years or younger, each foster and birth child must have his/her own space and bed. A child from foster care may share a room with another foster child or your child, but never with an adult: 18 years or older. Further, no adult may move out of a bedroom in order to make room for a child in foster care; each adult must have an assigned room apart from the foster child's own room.			
3.	I have adequate income to meet my current family's needs. Candidate Resource family must have a stable source of income (TANF does not qualify as a stable income). During your family assessment, you will be asked to provide verification of your income. NOTE: All Resource and adoptive parents are reimbursed for the care they provide a child.			
4.	I am able to meet the physical and emotional demands of being a parent. Being a parent, especially to children in foster care, can be physically and emotionally challenging and it's important to be in good health and have an adequate support system. You will be asked to take a physical exam and complete interviews conducted by a social worker.			
*5.	I have received supervision or services from DCFS or another child protective agency. Any record related to child abuse or neglect allegations, will affect candidacy as a resource parent. Each case will be carefully reviewed.			
6.	I have never been out of compliance for child support payments. If you have been out of compliance, for child support payments, you must disclose and discuss it with a social worker on an individual basis.			
7.	No adult or child in my home has a current open criminal case or is on parole or probation. Furthermore, no one in my home has been convicted of Crimes Against Children or Domestic Violence. If so, such items must be disclosed and discussed with a social worker before the process can be moved forward.			

8.	<p>I currently live in the home where I intend to foster or adopt. The home is in compliance with safety standards. The plumbing and all appliances are in good working order.</p> <p>Your home must be clean and free of safety hazards. You must have working smoke detectors in every room and be in possession of a working fire extinguisher, if not, the candidate must be willing to purchase a fire extinguisher. You must also have a working carbon monoxide detector.</p>			
9.	<p>I am willing to take the free 20-hours of classes offered by KFAM FFA.</p> <p>Fostercare candidates, including candidate spouse/partner, must take First Aid and CPR classes.</p>			
10.	<p>I am willing to meet the needs of any child that is placed in my care.</p> <p>This includes being a partner with the social workers in ensuring the well-being of a child by complying with court orders, supporting visitation, ensuring that medical appointments are kept, helping the child with school life and academics, and taking him or her to therapy appointments and after school.</p>			

We look forward to working with you and thank you again for your interest in becoming a Resource (foster and/or adoptive) parent!

Check this box if you want to be contacted for 20-hour training

First Name	Last Name	Telephone	Language

Address	City/Zip Code	County

Email	Referral Source