

Am I Ready to Become a Foster Parent?

This questionnaire will help you determine if you are ready to become a Foster Parent. Use this as a conversation starter for all members of the household as you consider becoming a Foster Parent.

1. T / F

All members of my household are in agreement with becoming a foster family. It is important that everyone living in the household is in agreement, as everyone living in the household will be affected.

2. T / F

There is room in my home for a foster child and my home is in safe condition. Children will need their own bed and adequate space to meet their needs. During the home study process your certifier will conduct a safety inspection of your home.

3. T / F

I am in good physical, emotional and mental health. Being a parent can be demanding! You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for foster youth.

4. T / F

I can work as a member of a team.

5. T / F

I have adequate income to meet my current family's needs. You do not have to be rich to become a foster parent, however, you must have enough income to meet your family's needs if you don't always have a child placed in your home.

6. T / F

All adults in my home are willing to participate in a criminal history check. Some, not all, criminal offenses automatically exclude an individual from becoming a foster parent.

7. T / F

I can support relationships between children and their biological families as appropriate.

8. T / F

I am able to nurture children and keep them safe. If you have had an open case of abuse or neglect in the past, you may not be able to become a foster parent.

9. T / F

I am ready to begin the training and home study process. You are ready to begin if your life and home are stable. "Stable" means that you are not in the process of moving and you don't have financial, emotional or relationship difficulties.