**Foster Parent Requirements**

- Are at least 18 years of age.
- Married, single or divorced.
- Must have income that is adequate to meet your household needs.
- You can own or rent your home or apartment
- A criminal records check is completed on each applicant and adult household member through the Bureau of Criminal Identification Investigation (BCII) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The applicant must not have been convicted of any criminal offenses.
- A records check is completed through the National Sex Offender Public Website.
- There must be an adequate childcare plan in place for parent(s) who work or attend school.
- Complete First Aid/CPR Training
- Complete 36 hours of Pre-Service Training.
- Commitment to caring for children that are victims of abuse or neglect.
- Medical Exam
- Psychological Exam if warranted
- Complete a homestudy & safety audit with an assessor.
- Provide a list of references
- Provide financial information with proof of income
- Provide documentation of household bills
- At least one applicant must be able to read, write, and speak English or be able to effectively communicate with any child placed in their home and with the recommending agency.

**Possible Causes for Denial of an initial certification:**

- Criminal history
- Substantiated Abuse or Neglect
- Falsification of information during the process
- Lack of stable, safe housing

## Financial & Supportive Services for Foster Parents

*Monthly contact & support from your foster child's caseworker and foster care coordinator
*Monthly per diem to assist in providing care for the child placed in your home
*Training stipend for required licensure training
* Possible Daycare assistance for working parents
*Medical Coverage for children in care
*To come soon - Foster Parent Resource Room