



Who are Foster-Adopt Resource Parents?

Foster - Adopt Resource Parents are individuals and couples who desire to be licensed by the state of North Carolina to parent children in Foster Care and they agree to parent children during their critical times of transition when it is unknown if the end result will be adoption.

What if I am an employee or a relative of an employee of Social Services?

SPECIAL NOTE for employees and relatives of employees of Social Services:

- If you are an employee or related to an employee of Forsyth County Department of Social Services, you are not eligible to be licensed as a Foster – Adopt Resource Parent by this department. You can be considered to be a Foster Adopt Resource Parent through another public or private agency. Please contact Sharon D. Porter at 703-CHILD (2445) to receive a list of these organizations.
- Relatives of an employee include:
 - Birth and adoptive parents
 - Blood, half blood and adoptive brothers, sisters, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great grandparents uncles, aunts, great-uncles, great-aunts, great-great uncles, great -great aunts, nephews, nieces, first cousins, stepparents, stepbrothers, stepsisters and the spouses, including in-laws of these relatives.



Who can be a potential Foster-Adopt Resource Parent with us?

Anyone not an employee of Forsyth County Social Services, not related to one and who answers YES to each category should inquire with us at 703-CHILD (2445)!

Forsyth County Social Services		
Category	Foster – Adopt Resource Parent Profile	Your Answer
Age	21 years of age and older	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Family Status	Married, single, separated, coupled, divorced and widowed parents may be licensed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If applicants are married, they must be married for at least 1 year prior to licensing. ▪ Both adults of a couple living together will be licensed. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Residency	Must be a legal resident of Forsyth County	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Citizenship	Must be a legal resident of United States	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Education	Foster-Adopt Resource parents shall have graduated from high school, received a GED <u>or</u> shall have an ability to read and write.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Income	Foster-Adopt Resource Parents are to have adequate income to financially support their own family without relying on the foster care board payment. The board payment is designed to cover the essential care of the child.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Criminal History (Paid for by Social Services)	Have a clean criminal record that ensures a consistently safe home for children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LOCAL RECORD CHECKS will be obtained by applicants and any household member(s) 16 years of age and older. ▪ SBI & FBI CHECKS/ FINGER PRINT CARDS will be obtained for applicants and any household member(s) 18 years of age. ▪ Sexual Offenders Registry, the Child Abuse Registry, Health Care Personnel Registry, and the Department of Correction Registry are checked. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Commitment	Willingness to work in partnership with Forsyth Social Services within state and local licensing policies, guidelines and requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

What are the commitments that a potential Foster - Adopt Resource Parent must make to be effective Foster-Adopt Resource

To be an effective Foster-Adopt Resource Parent requires a commitment to complete specialized training, participate in a home assessment, complete medical exams and agree to state and local policies.

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Commitment	Potential Foster – Adopt Resource Parent Commitments	Your Answer
Specialized Training	All family members 21 years of age and older complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30 hours of training called Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) – FREE! ▪ First Aid/CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens certification - \$50.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Home Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Home consultations with a social worker ▪ Becoming familiar with your family ▪ Safety precautions for children (bodies of water, weapon storage, pets, etc.) ▪ Information sharing between you and Social Services ▪ Home layout (bedrooms, bathrooms, sleeping arrangements, etc.) ▪ Working utilities (water, heat, phone) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Paperwork and Documentation Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire Inspection (\$50.00 for homes in the city limits, free for county residents) ▪ Medical exams completed for all family members ▪ TB test completed by all family members age 18 and older ▪ Commit and sign the Foster Parent Agreement, Discipline Policy and Confidentiality Policy ▪ Reference checks: submit names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 people who are not related to you 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



Become a
Foster – Adopt Resource Parent!
 Complete an application today!
Call 703-CHILD (2445)

