

FOSTER CARE: ORIENTATION PROCESS

1. Attend an Info Session

- You will hear a short presentation from the state about foster care. Most events will include different agencies in the area that you can ask questions and learn about.

2. Interview and Select an Agency

- Speak to different agencies, current foster parents, etc. to determine which agency you would like to work with.

3. Orientation: A one-time process with a Child Placing Agency (CPA)

- Turn in Application (includes agency paperwork, work history, address history, any criminal history, copies of ID/car insurance/marriage license/college transcripts/etc.)

4. Licensing Process

- Pre-service training (minimum of 30 hours online or in-person)
- CPR/first Aid certification
- Fingerprinting
- Health/Fire Inspection
- Home Study (varies 2-4 hours)

5. Certification

- A Child Placing Agency (CPA) will certify your home and present you with your license – you will then be available for placement

6. Ongoing Certifications

- Required to complete 30 hours of continued training annually
- Maintain CPR and first aid certifications