

Facts about Resource Foster and Kinship Care:

- Resource foster parents are encouraged to participate in routine meetings about their foster child.
- Resource foster parents are required to support a visitation plan with a child's family.
- Resource foster parents are required to complete 10 hours of annual training each year.
- A single person can become a resource foster parent.
- The goal of foster care is reunification and supposed to be temporary.
- Kinship care means a relative or someone the child knows can become a resource foster parent.

For more information on foster care, visit www.dss.virginia.gov



Is the Foster to Adopt Program a good fit for you?



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Resource Parent Program

*Am I ready to
become a Resource
Foster or Adoptive
Parent?*



Am I Ready to Be a Foster/Adoptive Parent?

Circle “T” for true or “F” for false, for each statement below. This questionnaire will help you determine if you may be eligible or ready to begin the process to foster/adopt.

1. I HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN MY HOME FOR A CHILD OR YOUTH. T / F

You must have adequate bedroom space for a child or youth in foster care.

2. I AM READY TO HAVE A SAFETY INSPECTION OF MY HOME DONE. T / F

It is important that your home is safe and free of hazards. During the family assessment (“home study”) process, a checklist is completed that includes a safety inspection of your home. You must have working smoke detectors, a fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.

3. I HAVE ADEQUATE INCOME TO MEET MY CURRENT FAMILY’S NEEDS. T / F

You do not have to be rich to become a Foster/Adoptive Parent; however, you must have enough income to meet your own family’s needs

4. I AM IN GOOD PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. T / F

Being a parent is demanding. You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for children who are in foster care or who are available for adoption. Part of the assessment process includes verification of your physical health as well as a check for certain communicable diseases (like a “TB test”).

5. NO ONE IN MY HOME HAS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A “BARRIER” CRIME. T / F

If you or any adult residing in your home has been convicted of certain criminal offenses, called “barrier crimes” (such as, but not limited to, assault against a family member, recent felony convictions, etc.), you cannot become a Foster/Adoptive Parent. Each household member over the age 18 will be fingerprinted.

6. I AM READY TO BEGIN THE TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS NOW. T / F

You may be ready to begin the assessment/home study process and training if your life and home are stable. “Stable” means that you are not about to move or undergo major renovations, and are not having financial, marital or emotional difficulties and do not anticipate making any major life changes in the near future.

7. I AM WILLING TO TAKE THE FOSTER PARENT TRAINING CLASSES AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS. T/F

Parenting someone else’s children requires additional training and licensure. Classroom training, online learning, and 3 in-person home visits are required to be eligible for certification.

8. I AM OPEN TO LEARNING WHAT TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING MEANS. T / F

IF YOU ANSWERED “TRUE” TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS, you may be ready to begin the process of becoming a foster/adoptive parent!

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