

Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services

Requirements for Foster, Foster/Adopt or Adoption

(* These requirements do not apply if you are only seeking to adopt)

- ✓ Age is based on applicant's maturity (Married, Single, Divorced, Widowed)
- ✓ Length of marriage – no time frame required. Agency will assess the stability of the couple's relationship .
- ✓ Submit proof of marital status , divorce decree or death certificate
- ✓ If separated and not divorced, you can still go through the process. A finalized divorce decree will be required before your residence can be approved. If seeking to adopt, a waiver may be approved if the adoption is in the best interest of a child(ren) to do so.
- ✓ Be financially self-sustaining
- ✓ Participate in trainings with other prospective parents (**PRIDE Class**)
- ✓ The training will consist of an instructor lead pre-service training, web based computer and other integrated training. Total hours -26
- ✓ Time frame to become verified as a foster or adoptive parent is about six months.
- ✓ Pass criminal and agency abuse/neglect background checks
- ✓ Pass a home study –**there is no charge for the home study to families who are committed to fostering or adopting children in the custody of CPS.**
- ✓ To be verified as Foster/Adoptive parents, must agree to remove burglar bars if necessary.
- ✓ Adequate space
- ✓ Agree for all frequent visitors to the home to receive DFPS and DPS background checks
- ✓ Pass a fire and health inspection of your home
- ✓ Obtain pet vaccinations
- ✓ * Obtain CPR and First Aid
- ✓ * Provide proof of negative TB test or chest X-Ray
- ✓ Provide 5 references (three non relative and two relative)
- ✓ Complete a Health Status Survey
- ✓ Complete a water safety course **if** there is a pool or large body of water on your property
- ✓ Agree to not smoke in the home, car or around children
- ✓ * Hold a G.E.D. or high school diploma. If not, must take a written exam provided by our Foster/Adoption Department
- ✓ * **Foster parents must be willing to attend a minimum of 20 hours per year of additional training after the first year of certification. This ensures both the agency and the foster family that the foster family is equipped to deal with the needs of abused and neglected children in their care.**



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