

# How to become a Foster Parent

If you are considering becoming a foster parent, you are in the right place! Becoming a foster parent is a significant decision. Review the steps below to walk through the process of becoming a foster parent.

## STEP 1: Find Out More

- Attend Orientation or Information Session
- Call your local DHS Child Welfare Office

## STEP 3: Attend Training

Check with your local DHS Child Welfare office for training offerings and schedule.

## STEP 5: Home Study

A certifier will be assigned to work on a home study with you.

The home study process includes interviews, home visits, meeting with your children and others who may live in the home, safety inspections, and medical information.

Once a positive home study is completed, this information is used by staff to determine placement matching between a child and family.

## STEP 2: Make the Decision

Are you ready? Is your family ready? There is a lot to consider in deciding to become a foster parent.

## STEP 4: Application

Submit a completed application to your local DHS Child Welfare Office. A certifier will be assigned to discuss next steps with you.

## STEP 6: Accepting a Child

Once all required paperwork is complete and approved, you will receive a license to be a foster parent.

Working together with DHS, you will decide which children best suit your family and home.

You can make a difference by stepping up when children need help the most. By becoming a foster parent, you can give children a safe place to live while their families get the help they need.

Want to learn more?

Visit the Oregon DHS Foster Care Website at: [www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/)

Or, contact a local Child Welfare office: [www.oregon.gov/dhs/offices/](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/offices/)