



Foster to Adopt

Helping Hand Home Foster Care Program

What is Foster to Adopt?

Parents who chose this option are fostering while waiting to adopt the child they are caring for. This is called a legal risk placement. According to the Minimum Standards (2007), legal risk placements are such because a child has not yet had one or both of his or her parent's rights terminated. Once a child is legally free then they can be adopted.

Who are foster to adopt children?

- Ages range from birth to 17
- Children whose lives have been disrupted by a family crisis
- Children from all racial, religious and socio-economical backgrounds
- Children who may experience development or physical disabilities or emotional problems
- School age children who may have behavioral problems or learning disabilities
- Infants who may have been exposed to drugs/alcohol and have special medical/feeding needs
- Children who are or about to be legally free to be adopted.

Who are foster to adopt parents?

- Are caring and responsible individuals willing to be part of a professional team
- Are at least 25 years old, have a valid driver's license and proof of automobile insurance
- Single or married
- Will pass a criminal background, child abuse registration check, driver's check and FBI fingerprint check
- Have high school diploma or GED
- Able to meet non-foster care financial needs without foster care payments
- Pass fire and health inspection of home and have adequate space, as defined in Texas Minimum Standards
- Willing to participate in Pre-Service, including: CPR/First Aid, Behavioral Intervention Training, Negative TB Test, and home study

What support does HHH Foster Care Program provide to foster to adopt parents?

- Financial support and emotional support
- Clinical guidance and suggested interventions to address the child's behavior
- Opportunities to attend family therapy to further enhance relationships
- Case management services
- A chance to build relationships with other foster and foster to adopt families
- Two days of respite monthly, encouraging families to take time for themselves
- Training during pre-service and annually at no charge to family
- Free, qualified childcare during training for biological and foster children
- Post-adoptive services

What do I have to do to become a foster to adopt parent?

The first step is to attend an informational meeting or just give us a call! We are happy to answer your questions and excited for you to be a part of our HHH family! Contact Janie Lopez to get the next meeting date at 512-459-3353 ext. 142 or email jlopez@helpinghandhome.org.

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