



# 2023

## Department for Community Based Services Statewide Foster Care and Adoption Information

**Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster or adoptive parent in Kentucky.**

There are nearly 9,000 children and youth in out-of-home care in Kentucky. Current families are overwhelmingly available for children between the ages of 0 and 5 years (77%); however, only 12% are available for youth between 12 and 21 years. Older youth, sibling groups and medically complex children are among the hardest to place and are the toughest for whom to secure adoptive placements. Are you willing and able to meet the needs of the children in Kentucky's out-of-home care?

To learn more and begin the process of becoming an approved foster or adoptive home, please find the attached training schedule for your region. If you would like to attend trainings outside of your region, please contact your local DCBS office for additional training locations and dates.

We look forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to tell you more about the types of children who need foster and adoptive homes in your community.

**You can learn more about our foster care and adoption programs by:**

- visiting [KYFaces.ky.gov](http://KYFaces.ky.gov)
- Attending an informational meeting
- Contacting your local DCBS office

### Regional Foster Care and Adoption Contacts

**Eastern Mountain Region** (Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike & Wolfe)  
(606)433-7596 or (606)349-3123

**Jefferson Region** (Jefferson)  
(502)595-KIDS (5437)

**Northeastern Region** (Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Flemming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson & Rowan)  
(606)783-8555 or (502)892-4159

**Northern Bluegrass Region** (Boone, Bourbon, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton & Scott)  
(859)292-6632, ext 231 or (502)863-0565

**Salt River Trail Region** (Anderson, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington & Woodford)  
(502-633-2055 or (270)766-5099

**Southern Bluegrass Region** (Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer & Powell)  
(859)971-4411

**The Cumberland Region** (Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne & Whitley)  
(606)256-2138, (606)598-4567, (606)528-4234  
or (606)677-4086

**The Lakes Region** (Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg & Todd)  
(270)247-2979

**Two Rivers Region** (Allen, Barren, Butler, Daviess, Edmonson, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Logan, McLean, Metcalfe, Monroe, Ohio, Simpson, Union, Warren & Webster)  
(270)687-7491 or (270)746-7447

# Kentucky Department for Community Based Services

## 2023 Foster Care/Adoption Informational Meetings

All meetings will be held at local time. Learn more about foster care and adoption in Kentucky at [KYFACES.ky.gov](https://www.kyfaces.gov)

### June 2023

**June 1, 1pm-3pm Southern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Andrew.Holt@ky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Holt@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell.

**June 5, 6pm-8pm Two Rivers Region (North).** Contact [Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov](mailto:Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster.

**June 5, 12pm-2pm Cumberland Region (West).** Contact [Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**June 6, 5:30pm-7:30pm Eastern Mountain Region.** Contact [Heather.Caudill@ky.gov](mailto:Heather.Caudill@ky.gov) or [KevinD.Adams@ky.gov](mailto:KevinD.Adams@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

**June 6, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (East).** Contact [Jennifern.White@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifern.White@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**June 9, 10am-12pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**June 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**June 13, 6pm-8pm Salt River Trail Region.** Contact [Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov](mailto:Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov) or [Melinda.Norris@ky.gov](mailto:Melinda.Norris@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Anderson, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford.

**June 20, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**June 26, 6pm-8pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

## **July 2023**

**July 3, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (West).** Contact [Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**July 3, 6pm-8pm Two Rivers Region (North).** Contact [Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov](mailto:Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster.

**July 6, 5:30pm-7:30pm Eastern Mountain Region.** Contact [AngelaM.Rice@ky.gov](mailto:AngelaM.Rice@ky.gov) or [Ashley.Gilliam-Rife@ky.gov](mailto:Ashley.Gilliam-Rife@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

**July 8, 9:30am-11:30am\* Northern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Jennifer.Wiehe@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Wiehe@ky.gov) or [Roxanne.Noland@ky.gov](mailto:Roxanne.Noland@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boone, Bourbon, Campbell, Carol, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton & Scott. *\*Pre-service classes begin on same day until 3:30pm*

**July 10, 5pm-7pm Southern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Andrew.Holt@ky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Holt@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell.

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**July 11, 7pm-9pm Northeastern Region** Contact [Tina.Frisby@ky.gov](mailto:Tina.Frisby@ky.gov) or [Elizabeth.Burge@ky.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Burge@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Flemming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson and Rowan.

**July 12, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (East).** Contact [Jennifern.White@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifern.White@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**July 14, 10am-12pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**July 18, 9am-11am Salt River Trail Region.** Contact [Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov](mailto:Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov) or [Melinda.Norris@ky.gov](mailto:Melinda.Norris@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Anderson, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford.

**July 18, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**July 24, 6pm-8pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

## **August 2023**

**August 1, 5:30pm-7:30pm Eastern Mountain Region.** Contact [Eddie.Carmack@ky.gov](mailto:Eddie.Carmack@ky.gov) or [TammyL.Hampton@ky.gov](mailto:TammyL.Hampton@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

**August 1, 5pm-7pm Southern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Andrew.Holt@ky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Holt@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell.

**August 1, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (East).** Contact [Jennifern.White@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifern.White@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**August 1, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (West).** Contact [Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**August 1, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**August 1, 6pm-9pm Northeastern Region** Contact [Tina.Frisby@ky.gov](mailto:Tina.Frisby@ky.gov) or [Elizabeth.Burge@ky.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Burge@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Flemming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson and Rowan.

**August 7, 6pm-8pm Two Rivers Region (North).** Contact [Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov](mailto:Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster.

**August 11, 10am-12pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**August 12, 9:30am-11:30am\* Northern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Jennifer.Wiehe@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Wiehe@ky.gov) or [Roxanne.Noland@ky.gov](mailto:Roxanne.Noland@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boone, Bourbon, Campbell, Carol, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton & Scott. *\*Pre-service classes begin on same day until 3:30pm*

**August 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**August 15 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**August 15, 6pm-8pm Salt River Trail Region.** Contact [Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov](mailto:Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov) or [Melinda.Norris@ky.gov](mailto:Melinda.Norris@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Anderson, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford.

**August 15, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (East).** Contact [Jennifern.White@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifern.White@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**August 17, 6pm-8pm Two Rivers Region (South).** Contact [Michaelle.Johnson@ky.gov](mailto:Michaelle.Johnson@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Allen, Barren, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Monroe, Metcalfe, Simpson and Warren.

**August 28, 6pm-8pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

## **September 2023**

**September 4, 5:30pm-7:30pm Eastern Mountain Region.** Contact [Wilma.Bentley@ky.gov](mailto:Wilma.Bentley@ky.gov) or [Alice.Martin@ky.gov](mailto:Alice.Martin@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

**September 4, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (West).** Contact [Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**September 5, 6pm-8pm Salt River Trail Region.** Contact [Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov](mailto:Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov) or [Melinda.Norris@ky.gov](mailto:Melinda.Norris@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Anderson, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford.

**September 5, 6pm-8pm Two Rivers Region (North).** Contact [Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov](mailto:Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster.

**September 8, 10am-12pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**September 9, 1pm-3pm Southern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Andrew.Holt@ky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Holt@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Powell.

**September 11, 6pm-8pm Northern Bluegrass Region.** Contact [Jennifer.Wiehe@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Wiehe@ky.gov) or [Roxanne.Noland@ky.gov](mailto:Roxanne.Noland@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Boone, Bourbon, Campbell, Carol, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton & Scott.

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**September 19 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**September 25, 6pm-8pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

## **October 2023**

**October 2, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (East).** Contact [Jennifern.White@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifern.White@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

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**October 3, 5:30pm-7:30pm Eastern Mountain Region.** Contact [Amity.Copley@ky.gov](mailto:Amity.Copley@ky.gov) or [Ashley.Gilliam-Rife@ky.gov](mailto:Ashley.Gilliam-Rife@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

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**November 27, 6pm-8pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**November 30, 5:30pm-7:30pm Eastern Mountain Region.** Contact [Heather.Caudill@ky.gov](mailto:Heather.Caudill@ky.gov) or [KevinD.Adams@ky.gov](mailto:KevinD.Adams@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

## **December 2023**

**December 4, 6pm-8pm Two Rivers Region (North).** Contact [Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov](mailto:Jeff.Humphrey@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster.

**December 5, 6pm-8pm Salt River Trail Region.** Contact [Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov](mailto:Casey.Gilbert@ky.gov) or [Melinda.Norris@ky.gov](mailto:Melinda.Norris@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Anderson, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Franklin, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, Washington, and Woodford.

**December 5, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**December 8, 10am-12pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**December 18, 6pm-8pm Jefferson Region.** Contact [Jessica.Sims@ky.gov](mailto:Jessica.Sims@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Jefferson

**December 19, 5:30pm-7:30pm The Lakes Region.** Contact [Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov](mailto:Nancy.Thomas@ky.gov) or [jharber@ky.gov](mailto:jharber@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Trigg and Todd.

**December 19, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (West).** Contact [Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Cantrell@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

**December 20, 6pm-8pm Cumberland Region (East).** Contact [Jennifern.White@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifern.White@ky.gov) for more information or to register. Counties: Adair, Bell, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.



**Department for Community Based Services**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about being a foster parent...**

**1. How do I become a foster parent?**

For more information describing the steps to becoming a foster parent, please view [Fall in Love with Foster Care and Adoption](#) or contact your local Department for Community Based Services office.

**2. What are the training requirements?**

All adults in the home, who will be caring for children, must attend a 2-hour informational session and 15-hours of pre-service classes (Building Foundations for Successful Parenting).

**3. Do you have to be married?**

No, you can be married, single, divorced, widowed, or living with a partner. However, if you are presenting as a couple, both must go through the approval process.

**4. Do you have to own your own home?**

No, you can rent. But you must have adequate space available and your landlord's approval to care for foster children.

**5. Can you be a foster parent if you work?**

Yes. Extra help for the cost of day care may be available.

**6. What happens after I have received my packet of information?**

You should read through the information in the packet, then attend an information meeting designed to answer any questions you may have about foster care or adoption. Please call your local Department for Community Based Services office at the number provided in your packet for times and dates of information meetings.

**7. What are the qualifications for becoming a foster parent?**

Persons from all racial/ethnic/cultural and religious backgrounds, renters and homeowners, single, married, divorced or living with a partner, persons who identify as LGBTQ+, persons with any education level, all are welcome to apply!

- Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- Foster/Adoptive parents can be married, single or living with a partner.
- Foster/Adoptive families should be financially stable and have an income sufficient to meet the family's needs.
- Applicants must be able to provide a safe, secure and healthy home for a child.
- Foster/Adoptive parents must be in good physical and mental health.
- All adults in the home must complete criminal background checks including FBI, sex offender registry and a check of the child abuse registry.
- All applicants must complete training to help them understand the needs of children in foster care.

**8. Can I get financial help from the state to care for a foster child?**

To meet the needs of children placed in their home, foster parents receive:

- Financial assistance in the form of a daily rate
- Medical coverage for the children
- Daycare assistance for working parents
- Other assistance provided to meet the specialized needs of children on a case by case basis.

**9. What are the different types of foster homes?**

- Basic foster homes
- Medically Complex Homes – for children with medical challenges
- Specialized Medically Complex Homes – for children with medical and emotional challenges
- Degreed Medically Complex Homes – for children with medical challenges in which the primary caretaker is a health care professional.
- Care Plus Foster Home – for children who have emotional or behavioral challenges.

**10. What is respite care?**

The law defines respite care as “temporary care provided by another family or individual to provide relief to a foster or adoptive parent with the expectation of the child’s return to the current foster or adoptive home”.

**11. What kind of training do I need to become a foster parent?**

The Department for Community Based Services provides training that meets the needs of foster parents. Foster parents are required to receive a minimum of fifteen hours approved curriculum training and fifteen hours of pre-service web-based training to becoming a foster parent. Approved foster and adoptive families must complete a minimum of ten hours of ongoing training each year.

**12. Do I have a choice regarding the children placed in my home?**

Yes. We want to ensure that the needs of the children placed in the home are compatible with the strengths of the foster parents.

**13. Can people on public assistance become foster parents?**

Applicants will be expected to have an income sufficient to meet their present family needs and to insure the stability of the family unit.

**14. Can I be approved to foster or adopt a relative, for example, a grandchild?**

A child may be placed with a relative when it is in the best interest of the child. To be eligible for the assistance provided to foster parents, a relative foster home must meet the same requirements for training and ongoing approval as nonrelative homes. The majority of children who are placed with relatives do so outside of the foster care system, and the family does not need to become approved to foster or adopt.

**15. Once I become a foster parent, are there other foster parents I can contact for advice and support?**

Kentucky offers foster parent peer support through programs such as:

- The Kentucky Foster and Adoptive Training Support Network
- The Foster Parent Mentor Program
- Adoption Support for Kentucky

**16. May I take a foster child into my home and then adopt him or her?**

Maybe. Foster care is temporary care with the goal of reuniting the child with his or her birth family. Three out of four foster children do go home and it is important for foster parents to help the child successfully reunite with his or her birth parents while helping the child during such a tumultuous time. In the event that the child's goal changes to adoption, the foster family may apply to adopt. Many adoptions in Kentucky are foster parent adoptions. In selecting adoptive families, the best interest of the child is always of the utmost importance. Therefore, many factors have to be considered. For example, does the child need to be adopted with his or her siblings who may be in other foster homes? Your R&C worker can help you in deciding whether to explore this option.

**17. Is a child's background available to adoptive parents?**

All known relevant information about the child's educational, medical or developmental history is provided to the foster parent.

**18. We have pets, is that a problem?**

This is not a problem unless the child is allergic or scared.

**19. I don't think I fit the typical foster or adoptive family model.**

Actually, there's no typical model. Some of our foster families are single-parent families. Some have kids in their home while others don't. Some older foster parents have already raised their own family, but want to open their hearts and homes to more kids. Some are homeowners, and some are renters. Our parents come from all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds and sexual orientations.

**20. How long is a foster care placement?**

A child's placement may be for as short as an overnight stay or longer than a year.

**21. What happens when the child returns home?**

A foster child's return home is usually the ultimate goal. The foster parent will have the opportunity to participate in the planning and to say goodbye to the foster child. This can be a difficult time, but the child's return home represents a success. Returning home is the goal for most children in foster care. You will play an integral role in helping the child and family successfully transition.