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Steps to Becoming a Licensed *Foster Parent*

Informational Meeting

Our two-hour in-person meeting provides basic information to help you as you begin your journey as a foster parent. An online alternative to the in-person meeting is also available at fosterVCKids.org/training.

Pre-Placement Training Courses

- Orientation/Licensing
- Introduction to Foster Parenting/Overview of Child Protective Services
- Family Relationships
- Legal Issues
- Rights of Children in Foster Care
- Child/Human Development
- Effects of Abuse and Neglect
- Effective Discipline
- Postivive Parenting
- Self-Esteem
- Health
- Education
- Making an Informed Decision

To learn more about these courses, visit fostervckids.org/events. *If you miss a session, you can make it up, but please understand that this lengthens the licensing process.*

Application*

Completing our application provides critical information about you, your family, and your preferences for foster parenting.

Live Scan*

A background check is legally required to help ensure safety for foster children.

TB Test and Medical Physical*

A Tuberculosis test and a medical physical exam are legally required to help ensure safety for foster children.

CPR/First Aid Training*

This course provides critical training that will help you feel more confident as a caregiver. For more information, visit www.redcross.org.

Licensing Home Visit

During this final step, we'll visit your home, answer your questions, and reach a decision regarding licensing. Upon becoming a licensed foster parent, you are ready to begin caring for foster children!

***Tip:** Complete your Live Scan, TB test, medical physical exam, and CPR/First Aid training while attending your Pre-Placement Training Courses to shorten the application process.

If you have any questions regarding these steps, please do not hesitate to contact us at (805) 654-3220 or visit fosterVCKids.org for additional information.



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