



## FAQ

### What are the steps to become a foster parent?

- ✓ Have a nurturing, loving home
- ✓ 21 years of age or older
- ✓ Single, married or unmarried couple living together at least 1 year
- ✓ Medical report completed
- ✓ 4 references
- ✓ Extensive background checks, including fingerprinting
- ✓ First Aid/CPR/Universal precautions certifications
- ✓ Pass a home inspection
- ✓ Open your home for at least 2 visits by a Foster Parent Specialist during the licensing process
- ✓ Complete 10 hours of Initial Training \*

### What type of training will I receive to become a foster parent?

1. Introduction to DCS
2. Child Abuse & Neglect
3. Attachment, Discipline, Effects of caregiving on the family

### After licensing, will I be required to attend any other training?

Through ongoing training, foster parents will continue to improve their parenting skills, keep their own motivation at a positive level, and receive and give peer support. Families are required to earn 15 hours of ongoing training annually to keep their license in good standing.

### What can I expect when a child enters my home?

Family Ark prides itself on the support it gives to its families. Foster parents will work with a Family Ark case manager to best meet the needs of children placed in their home. Families meet with the case manager multiple times a month either at the office or in the home. Agency staff are on call 24 hours a day for emergency situations.

\* For families interested in adopting, an additional 6 hours of training is required.