



Foster Care Licensing Process

Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQs)



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How long will the licensing process take?

The process can take anywhere from a couple months to close to a year. The process depends greatly on your availability for scheduling meetings, attending trainings, and returning required documents.

Will I have to attend trainings?

Yes. Pre-Placement training through Rock County is required before you can begin the licensing process for general foster homes. You will be required to complete 30 hours of Foundations training in your first 2 years of being licensed.

What documents will I be expected to provide?

You will be expected to provide numerous documents. You will be given a complete list when you begin the licensing process. Some things you will be expected to provide include insurance information for your home and vehicles, financial documents, pet vaccination records if applicable, and signed medical clearance from a physician, amongst others.

Do you run background checks?

Yes. We run a number of background checks including taking your fingerprints. There are some barrable offenses under Wisconsin requirements. Rehabilitation reviews can be conducted in some instances to work through barred offenses. We will gladly help you understand and work through this if needed!

What is a home study?

A home study is a large document compiled of information about you, your family, your home, your interest in fostering, strengths, areas you'd like to grow in, and more. A home study is used to not only get to know you, but also make good placement matches when considering children to place in your home.

What kind of questions can I expect to be asked in interviews?

Because we are gathering information to best assess your ability to care for children in foster care, the questions we ask are in-depth and personal. Questions cover a variety of topics including your childhood, relationships with family, friends, and partners, your parenting practices, mental health information, medical information, substance use, and pornography usage, just to name a few.