

Chesapeake Division of Social Service

Foster Parent Road Map to Certification

What steps do I need to complete to become a certified foster parent?

1. Call a Resource Family Worker to introduce yourself and express your interest in learning more about foster care: John Ferreira (757) 382-2246, Shakeyra Birt (757) 382-2306, or Leatrice Wilson (757) 2007.
2. An Orientation packet will be mailed to you, along with information on the next scheduled Orientation and Pre-Service (PRIDE) Training.
3. Complete Orientation and Pre-Service Training. A foster parent application will be given to you during the training.
4. Turn in the background checks, finger prints, TB results, and physicals as soon as possible to start the home study. Submit a completed application for certification.
5. A Resource Family Worker conducts three home visits with you.
6. The Resource Home Development Team reviews the home study and makes approval decisions.
7. Certification Process is completed!
8. Approval notification is mailed to the family.

Contact Information

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