



Foster Care Information Session

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What is Foster Care?

Foster Care is the temporary care of children who are unable to reside with their biological families.

Children in foster care need strong and supportive caretakers who are willing to work with their biological families and the Department of Family Services to reunify them with their families.

Foster Care is about believing and investing in the future of a child and their biological family.



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Who can be a Foster Parent?

- **At least 21 years of age, no age limit**
- **Married or Unmarried**
- **Single Individuals, Female or Male**
- **LGBTQ +**
- **Employed**
- **Rent or Own Residence**
 - **Apartment, Condo, Home, or Mobile Home**
 - **Minimum 2-bedroom**
- **Reliable Transportation**
- **Immigrant**
 - **ITIN # or SS # required**
- **Disasbled**





Background Clearances

FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE

- **Required for all adults in the home 18 years old and older.**
- **Each adult must be fingerprinted by Department of Family Services (DFS).**
- **Out of State (OOS) Child Abuse Neglect System (CANS) will be checked for any adult who has resided in Nevada for less than 5 years.**

DISQUALIFYING FACTOR(S)

- **Any charges which are not aligned with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 424 specific to foster care licensing will result in a disqualifying factor.**
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Application & Paperwork

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- **Documents are required to be submitted timely, to support in the timely issuance of a foster care license.**

UNIVERSAL APPLICATION *refer to sample application

- **Completion: Ensure information is legible and complete.**
- **Page 2: References: Seven (7) references are required, include email or physical address.**
- **Page 3: Question #5: List any and all law enforcement violations, citations, arrests and outcomes.**

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Training & Licensure

TRAINING

- **In-Person, once a week for 3 hours, 7-week session**
 - **Expedited sessions available upon availability, 2 consecutive weekends (Saturday/Sunday), 9a-4p**
- **Couples must attend training together**
- **Training sites: Clark County Government Center, Canyon Ridge Church, Hope Church & Raise the Future**
- **Training days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday (*childcare available during weekend trainings, yet required to be pre-confirmed with DFS*)**

LICENSURE

- **Document submission**
- **Home Inspection: In accordance of regulatory guidelines and statutes *NAC/NRS 424**
- **Foster Family Assessment/Home Study: Assessment of parenting strengths, needs, financial stability and assurance of the safety and well-being of each child entrusted to your care.**

Requirements

NAC & NRS 424



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STATE ID OR CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE

HOUSING

- 2-bedroom minimum.
- Adequate space.

CPR

- In-Person training specific to Infant, Child, Adult and 1st Aid.

MEDICAL

- Physical Exam **Exam within preceding 12 months.*

IMMUNIZATIONS

- TB Test **Each Adult required to provide negative test results.*
- All children in the home must be up to date on immunizations per CDC guidelines.

SMOKING

- Prohibited in the presence or view of child.
- Also prohibited in the home or vehicle used to transport child(ren).

FIREARMS

- Firearms required to be stored in a locked safe.
- Firearm & ammunition required to be stored separately.

SAFETY

- Fire Extinguisher Type 2A 10BC or larger
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Fire Ladder

LANDLINE OR CELLPHONE

- Must be available in the home at all times.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

- Bed available for each foster child
- Bunkbeds 2-level
 - 6 yo and older approved to sleep on top bunk
- Infants
 - 1 year old and older required to sleep in a full-size crib in a bedroom separate from adult

POOL

- Reaching Hook and Ring Buoy required at pool.
- Fencing surrounding pool **required for placement age 5 years of age or younger*

PETS

- Vaccinations required

Resources



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- **Insurance**
 - **Medical and Dental insurance provided by DFS**
- **Child Care Assistance**
 - **Urban League provides financial assistance for child care**
- **Foster Parent Champions**
 - **Support from current foster parents upon licensure and as needed while fostering**
- **Women, Infant and Children WIC**
- **Hannah's Closet and Peggy's Attic**
 - **Donation centers available for foster parent to request items for children in their homes**
- **Foster Parent Support Groups**
- **Normalcy Respite**
- **Department of Family Services Special Events**
 - **Spring Egg Hunt & Foster Family Resource Fair**
 - **High School Graduation Celebration**
 - **Back to School**
 - **Holiday Give Joy**



Help kids in foster care reach their full potential!



- **Share our posts on Facebook @ClarkCountyDFS**
- **Volunteer or donate items to our foster care donation center, Peggy's Attic (702) 455-5424**
- **Talk about the need for foster caregivers with your family, friends, and coworkers**
- **Put up foster care posters in your community or at your business**
- **Invite our team to your community, business, or church event**
- **Volunteer for one of our special events for foster families**
- **Volunteer as a CASA- Court Appointed Special Advocate**
- **Run a donation drive for diapers, toys, gift cards, etc.**



Next Steps

- **Complete the Pre-Application Form and TURN-IN TODAY!**
- **You will receive a “Thank you” email**
 - **Read the email thoroughly for important next steps**
 - **Click on the link to reserve a seat in an upcoming Training session**
- **Questions?**
 - **Contact your Recruiter to get the answers or clarification you need**



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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) How much are fingerprints? **Fingerprints for Foster Care are FREE!**
- 2) I have a relative in foster care in Clark County: **Contact Foster Kinship 702-546-9988.**
- 3) Is there a payment for foster parents? **Foster Parents receive a reimbursement for the monies spent for the child's daily care and needs. The daily reimbursement rate is \$27-32 *rate depends on age of the child.**
- 4) How will I know when my fingerprints come back and if I am cleared? **The turnaround time to receive background results is 6-8 weeks. DFS will contact you regarding your results upon receipt and review.**
- 5) Is there foster care classes in Spanish? **Yes.**
- 6) Do all children in the home need to be vaccinated? **Yes, based on NRS requirements.**
- 7) How do I prepare for training? **Submit documents listed on the Foster Care Document Checklist to recruitment team via email DFS FosterCareDocs@ClarkCountyNV.gov, mail or deliver.**

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