

TRAINING

Pre-service training is required for each applicant. Pre-service training consists of 12 modules that meet the 36-hours of training required by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.

Pre-service training can be completed over several weeks or one weekend. Pre-service training is offered locally by PCJFS, and by other public and private foster care licensing agencies. Speak with your assigned assessor to determine what works best for you.

Each applicant must participate in Policy & Procedure training. Each applicant must obtain certification in Adult and Pediatric CPR.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?



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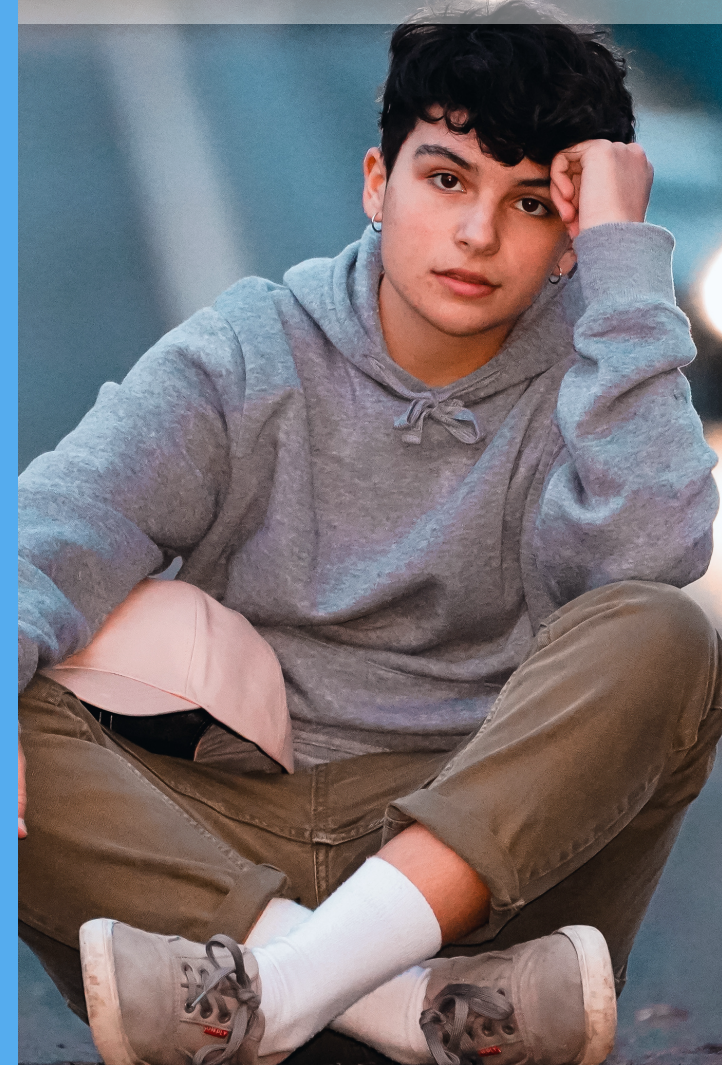
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Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION



**Portage County
Job & Family Services**
Child and Adult
Protective Services Division

A GOOD FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT IS...

- ✓ An adult age 21 and older
- ✓ Single, married, divorced, or widowed
- ✓ Committed to caring for children
- ✓ Accepting of children as they are
- ✓ A valued partner with the agency and birth families
- ✓ Able to provide support for and be a strong support to the child
- ✓ Able to be a strong role model



REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

- Licensed by the Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services
- Completed application for child placement
- Completed home study with every resident in home
- Home inspected for safety and fire assuring its structural integrity
- Physician medical statement obtained for each resident
- Completed criminal background check for each resident age 18 and older
- Foster families must be free of any physical, emotional or mental health conditions that may endanger a child

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- No income requirements, but should earn/receive enough to cover regular expenses.
- Foster parents receive an allowance to cover food/shelter/clothing costs for children in their care
- Medical expenses are the agency's responsibility
- Parents who adopt may be eligible for subsidies

