

Foster Care Licensing Process

The first step in becoming a foster care parent in Koochiching County is to attend an Information Meeting. At this meeting, you will have an opportunity to discuss what it really means to be a foster care parent, what the expectations will be from you, what you can expect from the agency, how this will affect your daily life, what impact this will have on your family, and have all your questions answered.

After you have attended the Information Meeting, we ask that you take some time to decide if Foster Care Parenting is going to work for you and/or your family. If you decide that you would like to proceed, we will schedule a Home Study with you. The purpose of the Home Study is to gather information about you and your family.

The next step in becoming a Foster Parent is the completion of the Licensing Application Packet. This packet includes the forms necessary for licensure. Once you have completed all the forms, they are returned to the agency. The Foster Care Licensor will then process the application.

When the Licensing Application Packet has been processed, the Foster Care Licensor will schedule a visit to your home. At this time, a Home Inspection will be done and any remaining paperwork will be completed.

The final step to receiving your Foster Care Parent License is training and a "Meet and Greet". Trainings may include: SIDS/Shaken Baby training, Mental Health 101, Car Seat Safety, Working with Schools, and Mandated Reporting. Trainings will be assigned by the Foster Care Licensor based upon mandates and the ages of children that will be placed in your home. A "Meet and Greet" is held at home. Social Services staff will come to introduce themselves, visit with you and your family, and see your home.

Koochiching County Foster Care Parents changing the lives of our community's young people.