

WALKING YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS

...TO BECOMING A THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARER

Ready to make a difference? The journey to becoming an approved therapeutic foster carer starts here!

1 INITIAL ENQUIRY



WE CALL YOU..

You will receive a phone call from one of our experienced Fostering Advisors, they will ask a few simple questions which will help you and us decide if fostering is the right career for you.

2 HOME VISIT



WE VISIT YOU..

You will be asked to provide a suitable time for when a member of the Fostering Families Team can visit you in your home. This provides you further opportunity to ask any questions and help you decide if fostering is right for you and your family at this time.



WE CAN HELP YOU WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION FORM, JUST ASK!



3 APPLICATION FORM



WE COLLECT YOUR DETAIL

If you still feel you want to make the life-changing decision and become a therapeutic foster carer, we will leave an application form for you to complete and return to us.

4 MANDATORY CHECKS



WE PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION

We process your application along with performing a number of mandatory checks to determine your suitability. These checks include Disclosure & Barring Service, Social Services and other relevant agencies, alongside medical checks and a home safety check. We keep you updated at every stage.

WE USE THE OUTCOMES STAR™ AND THE ASDAN CURRICULUM

5 TRAINING & WORKSHOPS



YOU ACCESS FULL TRAINING

During your assessment you will attend a comprehensive training programme to ensure you are thoroughly prepared for fostering. You will also meet other applicants and experienced Foster Carers who can answer your questions from their real life experiences.

6 YOUR PORTFOLIO



YOUR TIME TO SHINE..

With our help, you will be asked to complete a portfolio of information detailing your relevant experience, skills and abilities. All of this information is then presented to an Independent Fostering Panel, for a decision.

7 FOSTERING PANEL



DECISION TIME..

With your dedicated Social Worker at your side, the panel will ask questions about you and your life experiences as well as your assessment process. The panel will make a recommendation to us which is based on your portfolio, assessment and the panel meeting. The Decision Maker will ultimately decide if you can be approved as a Therapeutic Foster Carer.

APPROVED FOSTER CARER



Once approved, you will be able to care for children young people who are Looked After.

They will be specifically matched to you based upon all of your experiences. You will be assigned a Fostering Families Social Worker who will be there to support you and your family throughout your fostering journey. You will receive ongoing training, guidance and allowances. Together we will enable young people to reach their full potential.

Registered Office:

Fostering Families
9 Colwick Road,
West Bridgford,
Nottingham
NG2 5FR

Phone Number

0345 335 336

Email

enquiries@fosteringfamilies.org.uk

Web

www.fosteringfamilies.org.uk

About Us

Fostering Families is a therapeutic and innovative, early intervention fostering agency that serves locally and globally, to ensure every child has a safe and stable, loving family home in which to live and thrive.