

6 Steps to Becoming a Foster Parent

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Contact KVC Nebraska

We will answer any questions you have about foster care and becoming a foster parent as well as provide information on licensing requirements. Getting started is easy! Contact our Recruitment Coordinator, Taylor Steiner, at (402) 578-3173 or by email at tsteiner@kvc.org.

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Sign up for training

The state of Nebraska requires all potential foster homes to complete a pre-service training called TIPS-MAPP. Our training classes are FREE and new classes start in Omaha and Lincoln every 4-6 weeks. Additional trainings you will complete for licensure include Healthy Boundaries, Human Trafficking Prevention,* ICWA/MEPA,* Medication Management,* Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard,* Universal Precautions,* and Verbal De-escalation. *(Trainings marked with an asterisk (*) are available online.)*

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Complete training

TIPS-MAPP class is held one time per week for 10 weeks. Each class is mandatory for all adults that will have a parenting role in a foster home. Throughout the course of training, our class leaders will also come to your home to complete home consultations.

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Complete the licensing packet

During class, you will receive a licensing packet which includes health assessments and general paperwork. You will also be assigned a Licensing Specialist who will help you through the remainder of the licensing process, which includes a home study and home walk-through. All household members 18 years of age and older must have their fingerprints rolled.

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Licensure

Once the required licensing paperwork and home study are complete, your Licensing Specialist will submit your home study packet to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for licensure. A license will be granted if all qualifications are met.

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Prepare for placement of youth

Once your license is approved, KVC Nebraska's Admissions department will contact you if a youth is a good match for your home. If you accept, the youth will be placed with you. Once a youth joins your home, you will have the support of a Foster Care Specialist, and the youth's caseworker throughout the entirety of the youth's stay.