

# 6 STEPS TO BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT

## **Contact KVC Nebraska**

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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, Annesia Thompson, at (402) 578-3173 or by email at [anthompson@kvc.org](mailto:anthompson@kvc.org).

## **Sign up for training**

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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 Universal Precautions, Verbal de-escalation, Healthy Boundaries and Human Tracking.

## **Complete training**

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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.

## **Complete the licensing packet**

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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.

## **Licensure**

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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.

## **Prepare for placement of youth**

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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.