

HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT IN LICKING COUNTY

- 1** Meet the minimum requirements. Details can be found on the back of this sheet.
- 2** Contact a local foster care agency. While the process is basically the same throughout the system, there may be slight differences between agency requirements. Below are summaries and contact information for Licking County agencies.



Licking County Job & Family Services
www.lickingcountyjfs.com
740-670-8725

We are a public child welfare agency supported by local property taxes as well as state and federal funding. We are a custodial agency and have custody of the children we place. We only place Licking County children in our foster homes. All of our homes are family foster homes as opposed to treatment foster care.

National Youth Advocate Program
www.nyap.org
740-349-7511

Our private agency is committed to being a trailblazing instrument of compassion and change in our communities. We provide purposeful training, knowing that successful and loving foster parents are at the heartbeat of our organization. The highest level of care and 24/7 support is key to our mission. We ensure our foster parents feel equipped and our foster youth feel safe and cared for.

The Village Network
www.thevillagenetwork.org
740-788-8850

Our private agency offers paid specialized training with an excellent daily per diem for Foster Parents. Our staff provides ongoing support with connected services such as counseling and case management, all in house.

The Buckeye Ranch
www.buckeyeranch.org
800-296-5113

As a private agency network of hundreds of foster homes located in 14 counties throughout Ohio, our professional staff provides support to foster youth, their families, and foster caregivers throughout their stay in foster care. We are a large agency with numerous resources but operate as a smaller program where you know staff by name.

House of New Hope
www.houseofnewhope.org
740-345-5437

Founded by foster parents, we are a faith-based private foster care agency located in St. Louisville, Ohio. Many of our staff are foster and adoptive parents. Knowing that foster caregiving is an emotional undertaking, we are available to you 24/7. We provide cutting-edge training nearly every week of the year including daytime, evenings or weekends, in both classroom and webinar formats.

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Attend pre-service training sessions through your agency.

- Learn more about what it means to be a foster caregiver.
- Attend 36-40 hours of classes (e.g. 13 classes, 2 nights/week for 6 weeks).
- All adults in the home must attend.

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Start the home study process with your agency, which can take 6-18 months. It involves things like:

- Background check
- Interviews with caseworker
- Home evaluation
- Financial Review
- Medical evaluation
- Application & Referrals

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If approved, you will receive your certification! You can now accept children into your home.

Your family decides which ages, genders, and special needs, if any, you are willing to accept.

Additionally, respite providers care for kids, usually a week at a time, so foster families can take time for themselves for a vacation or perhaps if a medical procedure is needed. They go through the same certification process as foster parents. Each foster parent is required to complete some number of ongoing training hours. Typically, it's about 40 hours over the course of two years in order to remain licensed.

DO YOU MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS?

