

Find purpose and meaning by making a difference in a child's life..... share your heart and your home.

How do I become a Resource Parent?

State law mandates certain personal, safety and space requirements for minors. Your home will be evaluated to provide you with special information and recommendations for your home to meet the Licensing Regulations. The interview is aimed to assess your background, desires, motives, and purpose for becoming a foster parent. At your convenience, you will meet with a qualified staff member for an interview and orientation. At this time, it will be determined if you will be able to obtain DOB, FBI, and CAI Clearances.

Is it required to own my home?

You may rent or own your current home. It is important to have adequate bedroom space to accommodate every family member and foster child.

What happens next?

You must attend a total of 5 sessions of training conducted by a Certified PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education) Trainer. You must complete the Application Packet that will be provided to you. With Creative Solutions, you will be assigned a Certified PRIDE Trainer who offers FREE trainings done in small groups, scheduled to meet your individual needs. Trainings are provided to ensure that you gain adequate information and develop an educated decision before becoming a foster parent. Once you complete your training and application packet requirements, you are then scheduled for a home study and final home inspection. This process can take 2 to 3 months, depending on how quickly you fulfill the requirements.

What is the next step?

Once your home is certified and inspected by a trained staff member, you will then be eligible to receive children for placement in your home. Creative Solutions will do its best to place a child who will thrive in your home, where you will be able to fulfill the child(ren)'s specific needs.

Who pays the foster child's expenses?

Certified parents will receive a monthly reimbursement for each child placed in their home to meet the food, clothing, and material needs of foster children. These reimbursements are non-taxable. Medical and dental coverage for foster children are provided through Medi-Cal. Additional referrals for services are provided by Creative Solutions' team.

Can I be employed outside of the home?

Yes, but you must make appropriate child care arrangements. Having foster children requires time, personal supervision, and the willingness to go the extra mile to meet their needs, both physically and emotionally.

How long will I have the child(ren)?

Depending on the circumstances of the child(ren)'s birth parents and the reunification process, foster kids can stay anywhere from a few days to several years.

Do resource parents have to be married?

NO. Resource parents can be married, single, divorced, with or without children of their own, male or female. To be a resource parent, it takes a big heart and extra patience. The children will be challenging at times, but the most important thing is that you are able to provide a safe, stable, nurturing, and loving environment for the children.

How old are the foster children?

The ages of foster youth range from newborn to 21 years of age.