

AM I READY TO BEGING THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT?

1. I HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN MY HOME FOR A CHILD T / F
You must have adequate bedroom space. A child can share a bedroom with a child of the same sex, but not with anyone 18 or older. If the child is under the age of 2, they may share a room with parents.
2. I AM READY TO HAVE A SAFETY INSPEACTION OF MY HOME T / F
It is important that your home is safe and free from hazards. You must have working smoke detectors. Firearms must be locked according to Virginia regulations.
3. I AM IN GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH T / F
Being a parent can be demanding. You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for children in foster care. Part of the assessment includes verification of your physical health and a check for TB.
4. I HAVE NEVER HAD A FOUNDED ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASE T / F
We check Virginia records and any other state where you have previously lived.
5. I HAVE ADEQUATE INCOME TO MEET MY FAMILY’S NEEDS T / F
You do not have to be rich; however, you must have adequate income to meet your own family’s needs. During the assessment process, you will be asked to provide proof of income and to review family expenses.
6. I AM LEGALLY SINGLE OR LEGALLY MARRIED T / F
You can be single, married, divorced, widowed, or cohabitating with your partner. However, policy prevents us from approving those who are ‘separated’ but not yet divorced.
7. NO ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER HAS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES T / F
Each adult 18 and over will have a criminal history background check. Please request a list of State identified ‘barrier crimes’ if there is any concern about previous convictions.
8. I AM READY TO BEGIN THE HOME STUDY PROCESS NOW T / F
If your life and home are stable, you are ready to begin. Stable means that you are not about to move, undergo major renovations, and are not having financial, martial, or emotional difficulties or will be making major life changes in the near future. All potential “parents” must attend training classes (not parenting classes) and participate in a Mutual Family Assessment.

If you answered “TRUE” to ALL of the statements, you are ready to begin the process. Let’s schedule your Preliminary Home Visit!

If you answered “FALSE” to any statement, it would be helpful to talk to a CFW Foster Families Program Coordinator. Please call Katie Lo Monaco 540-664-9840 or email at katie.lomonaco@fcva.us with any questions about this process.