



Requirements/Qualifications to become a foster/adopt parents:

- Be a United States Citizen or US resident.
- Be At least 21 years of age if married and at least 25 years of age if single.
- If married having been so for one (1) year.
- If divorced or widowed having been so for one (1) year.
- Have a High School diploma or GED or demonstrate equivalent.
- Have no criminal History, Violating state standards. Criminal offences will be staffed on a case by case basis
- Have no History of abuse or neglect.
- Have at least 40 square feet of space if child will be sharing a bedroom.
- Home/apartment equipped with heat and air conditioning.
- Have reliable transportation (own a vehicle).
- Available hospital or emergency services within 40-mile radius.
- Available public school services.



Stages of Verification:

1. Application/Orientation Stage – please email acampbell@credencevillage.org to inquire about upcoming Orientation dates
 - a. Application
 - b. Criminal Background check
 - c. We need a copy of the following:
 - Driver's license
 - Social Security card
 - Auto insurance
 - Home insurance
 - Birth Certificates (Foster Parent and All Household Members)
 - Marriage/Divorce Certificate, if applicable
 - High School Diploma or GED Certificate
 - Pet Vaccinations, if applicable

2. Training/Understanding Stage

Required Trainings:

- Medical Consent Caregiver Training -
https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Medical_Services/medical-consent-training.asp
- Credence Medication Administration Policy

- Psychotropic Medication Training -
https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Training/Psychotropic_Medication/default.asp

- Trauma Informed Care Training -
https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Training/Trauma_Informed_Care/default.asp

- Behavior Management/PAPH Training – In class training

- CPR/First Aid

- Cultural Competency Training



- PRIDE/Pre Service Training regarding abuse, neglect, biological family, attachment and grief

- 3. Documentation/Compliance Stage
 - Fire Inspection
 - Health Inspection
 - Gas Inspection – if applicable
 - TB test for all Household members
 - Health Statement by Physician
 - Fingerprints for all household members 14 years old or older and any Caregivers/babysitters that you would like to assist you in caring for the children.
- 4. Home Study Stage – In depth interview regarding past, motivation and ability to foster.
- 5. Finalization/Approval Stage

Helpful Resources to becoming a licensed as a Foster Parent:

Inspection Resources:

- *Fire Inspector – JD Harris – 713-724-0710*
- *Fire Inspector- Yvonne Clark – 281-436-8017*

Training Resources:

- *Credence Village Training Calendar*
- *JoAnn Tellison – 832-231-1403*
- *Nicole – 713-594-0469*

TB Test locations (verify if your insurance company will pay):

- *Doctor's office*
- *CVS Redi Clinics*
- *HEB Clinics*