

Nine Steps

to becoming a foster/adoptive family

1 Call 1-800-232-KIDS
or your local Department for
Community Based Services Office.

2 Share your information with DCBS staff.
■ Tell us about your family.
■ Why do you want to foster or adopt?
■ How did you hear about us?

6 Begin family application process.
■ Complete application.
■ Complete home visits.

3 Receive mailing.
Explore foster or
adoptive parent
material.

7 Become approved.
You will receive a
certification letter
when you are
approved as a foster/
adoptive parent.



4 Attend two-hour
informational meeting.
■ Receive in-depth information.
■ Ask questions, get answers.
■ Begin paperwork.

8 Welcome children!
■ Children are placed
depending on their needs.
■ Receive peer support
from experienced
parents.

5 Attend training.
■ Begin 30-hour pre-service
training (10 classes).
■ Complete paperwork,
with staff help.
■ Complete home
consultations.

9 Receive continuing benefits:
■ Ongoing training
■ Medical card for child
■ Child care assistance, if qualified
■ Child counseling services
■ Respite care
■ Tuition assistance
■ Foster/adoptive mentors
■ Support services