

STEPS TO BECOMING A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT

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Contact a Foster Care Navigator at 1.855.MICHKIDS or www.fcnp.org.

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Attend an Orientation

The comprehensive orientation will not only review guidelines but will also illustrate what you can expect as a foster parent. Agency representatives will be happy to answer all of your questions during orientation. To schedule an orientation, visit the Michigan Foster Care Portal at:

<https://mifostercare.michigan.gov/s/landing-page>

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Complete the Application

After orientation, the agency will provide you with a licensing application packet, including the licensing application.

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Home Evaluation

After you attend orientation and submit your application, your agency will schedule your first home visit. The agency will meet with your family several times for on-site home visits and interviews.

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Attend Free Training

Agencies will help you secure GROW training, which offers valuable information related to becoming a licensed foster parent. Prospective foster parents need to complete 22.5 hours of GROW training.



Foster Care Navigator

Foster Care Navigators will support you through each step toward becoming a licensed foster parent!

- Navigators have experience as foster parents.
- The Navigators work for you to assure progress is made toward becoming a licensed foster parent.
- You work with a Navigator to find solutions to barriers that may be holding up or preventing licensure.
- Foster Care Navigator services will be delivered using a strength-based and solution-focused model.

**Information is always available on the
Foster Care Navigator Website.**

WWW.FCNP.ORG



As members of the fostering community, the **Foster Care Navigators** have a unique skill set designed to assist current and prospective foster parents by providing the following services:

- Connecting you with resources within your community.
- Emotional and concrete support to address challenges you may face while on the path to becoming a foster parent.
- At times, acting as a liaison between you and the licensing agency.
- Connecting you with a support group within your community.



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The **Foster Care Navigator Program** provides current and prospective foster parents with an experienced, licensed foster parent to help guide them through the licensing process by answering questions, assisting with resources and being a liaison between foster families and their licensing agencies throughout Michigan.

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WONDERFUL JOURNEY
TOWARD CHANGING LIVES



The support, love and guidance provided to a child will have a lasting impact on the life of that child, their family and the community.