## How Does BCDSS Support Our Resource Providers?



- One-on-one support from a dedicated resource home worker
- Financial, medical & daycare assistance
- Baltimore City Resource
  Parent Association
- Celebration and appreciation events
- Respite care





To Become a BCDSS Resource Provider

call 410-685-8231 or scan to visit the website













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Baltimore City Department of Social Services



Resources & Support 3007 E. Biddle Street Baltimore, MD 21213

## Who is a BCDSS Resource Provider?

## Am I Eligible to Become a BCDSS Resource Provider?

## What is a BCDSS Home Study?



- A BCDSS resource provider makes an enduring emotional commitment to provide a safe, loving and supportive home for children who are temporarily separated from their families.
- BCDSS resource families provide stability and consistency so that children can begin to heal and ultimately thrive.
- They are volunteers who are valued, respected and skilled members of a professional team that works collaboratively to meet the needs of the children in foster care.
- A BCDSS resource provider nurtures and supports connections between a child and their biological family, community and culture.





- I reside in Baltimore City or within 10-miles driving distance of 3007 E. Biddle St. Baltimore, MD 21213 (distance does not apply to relative caregivers)
- I am at least 21 years old
- I am a US citizens/permanent legal resident
- I am in good physical and mental health
- I will complete and pass background clearances
- I can meet my financial household obligations
- I have healthy relationships and a stable home life
- I am flexible, patient and understanding





A Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) home study is an opportunity to:

- gather information about prospective resource parents;
- evaluate prospective resource homes & families for safety, security and overall health;
- educate and prepare prospective providers to meet the often complex physical, emotional and developmental needs of the youth in foster care.



For more information or to initiate a BCDSS home study, call the

Welcome Line **410-685-823**1

or scan the QR code to visit the website

