

How long does approval take?

On average, it takes about 120 days to complete the Home Study. We are here to support you along the way.

The approval process includes:



Attending an Information Session



Attending resource parent training classes



Successful completion of a background check



Participation in a home study



obtaining a medical clearance



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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A

Resource parent (aka foster parent)?



A resource parent makes an enduring emotional commitment to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for children who are temporarily separated from their families.

Resource families provide stability and consistency so that children can heal and 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 resource parent nurtures and supports connections between a child and their biological family, community, and culture.

Am I eligible to be a resource parent?



- I reside in Baltimore City
- I am at least 21 years old
- I am a US citizen
- I have sufficient space in my home
- I am in good physical and mental health
- I will complete and pass background clearances
- I can meet my financial household obligations
- I am willing to work with the parents of children in foster care to help them reunify



What is a Home Study?

A home study is conducted to:



- Gather information about prospective resource parents
- Evaluate prospective resource homes & families for safety, security, and overall health
- Educate and prepare prospective resource parents to meet the often complex physical, emotional, and developmental needs of the youth in foster care



What supports do resource parents receive?



Resource parents receive support, including the following:



- One-on-one guidance and support from a dedicated foster home worker
- Support from the caseworker and supervisor who are responsible for working with each child placed in your home and their family.
- Financial, medical, and child care assistance
- Respite care
- Ongoing training
- Support groups
- Celebration and appreciation events
- Support and advocacy from the [Baltimore City Resource Parent Association](#) and the [Maryland Resource Parents Association](#).



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