



2023-24 ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FORM
How to Become a Foster and/or Adoptive Family Resource

Step 1: Attend Orientation (Part 1 & 2):

- Register by contacting Stacey Oakes at 248-443-0300, or via email at soakes@spaulding.org or visiting our website www.spaulding.org
- Two parent households, such as husband & wife, partners, 2 adults, etc., **must** attend Orientation & all trainings.
- GROW referral completed at end of Orientation (Judson Center referral)
- Application & Fingerprint clearances, copy of DL & SSN, Inquiry & Enrollment
- GROW sessions 1-9, Foster Care, Adoption, and Relative Panel, Safe Sleep & Prudent Parent Training
- Licensing worker assigned
- You can now attend Parent Empowerment Group (PEG) monthly. See website for dates.

Step 2: Foster/Adoptive Home Assessment:

- Home Assessment will be completed at **NO COST** (have all documents by due date requested by worker)

Step 3: Approval:

- After an approved home assessment, you will become a licensed foster and/or approved adoptive family resource.
- Licensure process and approval can take 4-6 months

Step 4: Fostering and/or Adopting:

- When your license is opened, you will receive calls and requests for possible foster placements
- You can choose to adopt these children when and if they become available
- View the following websites profiling waiting children: <http://www.adoptuskids.org>, <http://www.mare.org>, and <http://www.spaulding.org> (if you are interested in adopting)
- You can foster and adopt at the same time

Step 5: Waiting Period:

- Once a child becomes available for adoption, the adoption process can begin (a MARE child or SFC child)
- MARE children – you will be notified by licensing worker, a conference will be held, and history of the child will be shared. If still interested, visitation period can begin

Step 6: Placement:

- MARE child – Child has to be in the adoptive home at least 6 months prior to finalization.

Step 7: Post Placement: (supervision period)

- During the 6-month supervision period, the child(ren)'s case manager will address any needs during monthly visitation prior to finalization.

Step 8: Adoption Finalization:

- After the supervision period, Spaulding's Adoption Specialist files a petition for final adoption custody.
- Children who are placed in your home as foster care placements for more than 6 months and do not have a competing party to their adoption can be finalized immediately after the adoption petition filing with the court.

Step 9: Post Adoption Services:

- Spaulding for Children's Adoption Specialist can assist in providing you referrals as needed.

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Yes, I would like to register for the following Pre-Service Orientation:

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Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone(s) w/Area Code _____

How did you hear about us: _____ Community Ambassador: Yes _____ No _____

(Please fill form completely & return to Stacey Oakes)

