

Teaching Parent Process

1. Initial Contact:
 - a. Your initial inquiry occurs via our website, phone/email, or at an event.
 - b. We provide you information and answer questions through email and phone contact.
 - c. You participate in a brief phone screening.
 - d. You are given the dates of upcoming virtual monthly information meetings and training class options. We are excited to learn more about you and your hopes for foster care and adoption.
2. Information Meeting :
 - a. Information is provided about foster care and adoption during a virtual 1 hour meeting. This is a period of mutual assessment as we begin to learn about you and you learn about People Places.
 - b. You are invited to attend our next Pre-Service Training (PST) and begin the application process.
 - c. You register to attend Pre-Service Training and receive weekly training by qualified People Places staff, along with other prospective Teaching Parents.
 - d. You are assigned a Teaching Parent Coordinator who works with you through the assessment period.
3. Assessment (During PST and Post PST):
 - a. We will conduct a home assessment (at least three face to face interviews with prospective parents and one interview with each additional household member) and you will complete all paperwork requirements, including background checks, policy review/signature, medical evaluations/TB screenings and written information about you and your family.
 - b. Your Teaching Parent Coordinator gathers all required information and writes your home study.
4. Certification Committee:
 - a. A group of child placing staff members review your home study and vote to approve you as a Teaching Parent.
 - b. If there is a decision to not approve or concerns of the committee regarding an approval, we will meet with you to discuss why. *Please note, it is rare to be declined at the point of certification committee. If there are concerns, your Teaching Parent Coordinator or Trainer will discuss with you in a timely manner.
5. Matching & Placement:
 - a. We take the time to match children with your family aligned with your preferences based on your family's strengths, skills and desires.
6. Placement & Ongoing Support: Once you are a certified People Places family, and a child is placed in your home, you will receive a variety of supports and services, including:
 - a. One-on-one individualized support and case management from a Family Consultant and Program Supervisor
 - b. Ongoing training and support from the agency staff and community resources
 - c. Monthly stipend
 - d. 24/7 On-call crisis intervention
 - e. Respite, as needed/requested
 - f. Monthly support groups at each office site
 - g. Social events with other foster families