



The foster care process

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You've been thinking about fostering and see an advert, receive a leaflet, talk to us at an event, or contact EFC via a 'word of mouth' recommendation.

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You fill out an 'expression of interest' application form, or request a call back so we can do it with you over the phone.

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If you wish to take your application forward and meet our criteria, an initial visit is made where a social worker attends your home to discuss the potential of fostering.

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Selected foster carers are invited for preparation training, a two-day course called Skills to Foster.

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This initial screening will select suitable prospective foster carers and application forms are completed.

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Suitable applicants commence the Form F assessment process. STAGE 1 relates to the completion of all checks, references and medicals. If successful, STAGE 2 commences where the applicants are assigned an assessing social worker who sets the assessment plan which will include approximately six to eight assessment session visits to your home.

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All referees and associated individuals (including birth children and significant ex-partners) are met or spoken with.

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You attend Safeguarding, First Aid, and Therapeutic Approach training before you are presented to panel.

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The assessing social worker presents your assessment at EFC's Fostering Panel.

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The panel makes recommendations to the Agency Decision Maker on whether you are to be approved, the type of fostering you will be suitable for, and the age range/gender of child you are best able to care for. Following approval, induction training takes place, and you are appointed your Supervising Social Worker.

Dependent on the complexities of each assessment and the extent of checks that are required, the above process will take three to six months to complete.

It all starts with a conversation. Get in touch today.

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