



## NHS Foster Care Step by Step Guide

### **Initial Contact Q&A**

- As a potential NHS foster care parent, you are encouraged to ask any questions you may have.
- NHS will inquire about your living situation, your time involvement as it relates to this commitment, and expectations of the pre-service process.

### **Application Packet**

- Please complete the NHS Resource Parent Application and return as soon as possible.
- This will be sent via email, distributed at the Initial Contact Q&A, or it can found at [nhsonline.org](http://nhsonline.org).

### **Orientation to Program**

- Once the application is submitted, you are given your first formal training to be an NHS foster care parent.
- You will receive further information on what will happen during the pre-approval process on your way to becoming an NHS foster care parent.

### **Training**

- NHS will provide foster parents with the necessary tools to effectively prepare them for the children/families and any issues that may arise.

### **Home Study**

- The home study is a written document that explores family dynamics, family history, and how our children might fit in to their lives, which is constructed throughout the pre-service process.

### **Final Home Inspection**

- NHS requires a final policy review, parent signatures, a final in-program safety inspection, and a safety inspection completed by Philadelphia Insurance Companies.

### **Certification as a Fully Approved Foster Parent**

- As part of final approval for foster care parents, the NHS Foster Care administrative sites inform parents of site specific protocols for payroll, expenses, and other necessary administrative aspects of program functioning.

### **Finding a Match**

- NHS will begin the process of pairing you with a youth in need of a supportive home.

Thank you for your interest in becoming an NHS Foster Care Parent!