

THE FOSTER CARE / ADOPTION PROCESS

QUALIFICATIONS	APPLICATION & TRAINING PHASE	FOSTER HOME STUDY	PLACEMENT OF A CHILD	ONGOING REQUIREMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a Christian and able to commit to the HwH community. • Be a responsible, mature, healthy adult capable of meeting the needs of children in care. • Be at least 21 years of age, 25 yrs old for adoption • Have no criminal record • Must have completed high school or GED • Be married for at least 1 yr, 2 years for adoption (same for divorce & widow) Single parents allowed • Be willing to agree to no use of physical punishment. • Have a Texas driver's license, auto insurance and dependable transportation. • Care for no more than 6 children, including their own – Homes with Hope prefers to place no more than 3 children in each home. • Must be a US citizen or have current green card. 	<p>Required Training Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.R.I.D.E. class • Psychotropic Medications • Emergency Behavior Intervention (EBI) • CPR/First Aid training • HwH Policy Review class <p>Copies of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school diploma & diploma of highest degree • Marriage certificate • Divorce decree / Death certificate, if applicable • Birth certificates (parents & kids) • Current TB test • Recent photos of your family & home (inside & outside) • Drivers license & vehicle insurance card • Current pet vaccinations <p>Sign policy agreements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No physical punishment • Firearms safety <p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Non relatives & 2 relatives • Children age 12 and over, living outside the home <p>Annual Inspections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Health • Fire Inspection <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Background & Child abuse checks on all adults w/FBI fingerprint check • Sketch of house floor plan with exits noted and foster child's room dimensions. 	<p>Before interview, complete the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Status Report • Financial Status Report • Autobiography on each parent <p>Interviews by the social worker with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each parent • Each child • Others living in the home • All family members present in the home <p>Interviews will include topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation • Health and emotional status • Quality of relationships • Family origin topics • Views regarding child discipline & care • Feelings about abused children and their desire to maintain family relationships • Development of a profile of the child(ren) desired-age range, race, physical and mental health status, background issues • Guidance in preparing a family presentation book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes with Hope receives a call from CPS regarding a child in need of placement • Social worker contacts the foster family to see if they are available take the child • CPS brings the child to the foster home, usually met by the HwH social worker. • Foster parents work closely with the social worker to meet the needs of the child. • Foster parents are responsible for transporting the child to appointments and visits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HwH social worker receives an email/broadcast from CPS regarding available children, HwH social worker shares info with the adoptive family. • Adoptive family decides whether or not to have their home study submitted. • Study submitted; 3 families accepted; Review Approved Staffing (RAS) meeting is scheduled. • RAS - Social workers from 3 agencies & CPS staff select the most appropriate family for the child(ren). • Selected family notified, pre-placement visits begin • Placement; 6 monthly home visits by HwH social worker • Finalization / consummation of adoption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment and involvement in the Homes with Hope community for support of foster, foster / adoptive and adoptive families. • Quarterly interviews with HwH social worker until placement • Continuing education and training per year: <u>Basic</u> home: 20 annual hours per household <p>Annual Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBI • Psychotropic Meds • Fire inspection <p>2 Year Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR/first aid • Criminal Background and Child Abuse check