

BENEFITS AND REQUIREMENTS

Benefits:

Foster parents have the ability to impact a child's life and to help them to deal with their past experiences that may involve abuse, neglect and loss.

While the primary goal of foster parenting is to make a difference in a child's life, foster parents do receive a monthly financial reimbursement for care.

TO BE CERTIFIED: Each prospective foster parent must complete an orientation program, involving 12 hours of in-class work. The primary purpose of the orientation is to ensure that the new foster parents have complete information about the agency, its philosophy, policies, and staff

General Requirements:

Complete a Special Kids Special Families application to become a foster parent

Complete a criminal background check for each adult who lives in the home

SKSF staff member will meet with family members and inspect the home using a home health and safety checklist

Must be 21 and older

On the basis of reviewing the application forms, the completed interviews with the family members, the successful home inspection, the background and child abuse registry checks and reference interviews, the SKSF staff will then discuss with the family the feasibility of becoming certified as an SKSF Families foster parent. Just as with the decision of place a youth in a home, this is a joint decision made by both the prospective foster parent and SKSF staff.