



## How to Become a Foster and/or Adoptive Family Resource

### Step 1: Attend one of the scheduled pre-service P.R.I.D.E. Orientations:

- **Tues.**, 12/1/09 (9:30am-11:00am)    **Wed.**, 12/9/09 (1:00pm-2:30pm)    **Thurs.**, 12/17/09 (6:00pm-7:30pm)
- **Tues.**, 1/12/10 (9:30am-11:00am)    **Wed.**, 1/20/10 (1:00pm-2:30pm)    **Thurs.**, 1/28/10 (6:00pm-7:30pm)
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Register by contacting Gloria Mitchell at 248-443-0300 ext. 241, or via email at [gloriamitchell@spaulding.org](mailto:gloriamitchell@spaulding.org)

### Step 2: Learning More

- Enroll in Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education (P.R.I.D.E.) training at **NO COST**. Training classes are once a month for two consecutive Saturdays from 9:30am-4:00pm at Spaulding for Children.

### Step 3: Foster/Adoptive Home Assessment

- Home Assessment will be completed at **NO COST** after the P.R.I.D.E. training.

### Step 4: Approval

- Upon successful completion of training and an approved home assessment, you will become a licensed foster and/or approved adoptive family resource. **To become a licensed foster family resource, only Steps 1-4 need to be completed.**

### Step 5: Child Search for Adoption

- Maintain on-going contact with Spaulding's Adoption Specialist who completed your home assessment
- View the following websites profiling waiting children: <http://www.adoptuskids.org>, <http://www.mare.org>, and <http://www.spaulding.org>.
- Visit Heart Gallery exhibits – traveling portraiture exhibit of waiting children.
- Venture out into your community – attend recruitment events at churches, malls, parks, libraries, etc.
- When you identify a child(ren) that appears to be a match for your family, contact your Adoption Specialist to learn as much as you can about him/her.

### Step 6: Waiting Period

- You will be contacted if your home assessment is selected to be a potential adoptive family resource for the child(ren). Your Adoption Specialist will contact the child(ren)'s agency to schedule a case conference.
- If you choose to proceed with the adoption process, the visitation period begins with you and the child(ren).
- After the visitation period, Spaulding for Children will file a petition in court.

### Step 7: Placement

- If the child has been placed in your home as a foster child for 6 months or longer, the court can award final adoptive custody; if less than 6 months, the court will order a supervised period of 6 months, and then finalize the adoption.

### Step 8: Post Placement

- During the 6-month supervision period, the child(ren)'s case manager will address any needs during monthly visitation prior to finalization.

### Step 9: Adoption Finalization

- After the supervision period, Spaulding's Adoption Specialist files a petition for final adoption custody.

### Step 10: Post Adoption Services

- Spaulding for Children's Adoption Specialist can assist in providing you referrals as needed.

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**Yes, I would like to register for the following Pre-Service Orientation:**

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please check appropriate box & return completed form to Gloria Mitchell)*

