

RESOURCE FAMILY HOME

BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF A CHILD'S LIFE

BENEFITS

Becoming a Resource Family Home will enable you to become an important part of a child's life.

The goal of a Resource Family home is to provide a child in need with a feeling of safety, permanence, and well-being.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

There is an application process to go through prior to your home approval.

The Department of Social Services is here to guide you through the approval process and support you as an approved Resource Family.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

Provide safety, stability, and lifelong connections for children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

(805) 781-1705

PRIDE CLASS DESCRIPTION

Class 1 – Saturday 9 am-4 pm

Class 2 – Weeknight 6 pm-9 pm

Class 3 – Saturday 9 am-4 pm

Class 4 – Weeknight 6 pm-9 pm

Class 5 – Saturday 9 am-4 pm

For a current schedule of classes:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/DSS/Flyers/PRIDE.pdf>



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL



BECOMING A RESOURCE FAMILY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Resource Family Approval

RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL

The Resource Family Approval is the process a foster, relative, non-relative or adoptive home completes, in order to meet state approval requirements. The San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services is responsible for administering the approval process.

INITIAL INQUIRY

Once a request to become a Resource Family home is received, a Resource Family Recruiter will:

- Make contact with the interested individual(s)
- Mail out an inquiry packet
- Invite individual(s) to Parent's Resource for Information Development and Education (PRIDE) Training

PRIDE TRAINING

During training, a Social Worker gives an orientation to families as well as provides them with the RFA application.

After completion of training and receipt of the completed RFA application, the Social Worker will conduct a home visit to do a pre-approval home and grounds visit.

REQUIREMENTS

Following is a **partial list** of requirements to be met prior to approval. The Department of Social Services will assist you in obtaining these requirements at no cost to you.

- Completed application packet
- Live scan fingerprints
- Attend and complete PRIDE
- Building and grounds assessment
- Permanency Assessment
- Complete and provide proof of current CPR/ First Aid
- Complete physical
- Submit DMV records
- Participate in face-to-face interviews
- Provide references
- Provide all requested verifications

APPLICATION PROCESSING

TIMELINES

Once the application is received by Social Services, the above requirements should be completed within 90 days.

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support potential resource families throughout the application process
- Approve or deny applications
- Pre-placement training and post approval training
- Monitor resource families and investigate any complaints against them

DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

A child can be placed in a relative or in a non-relative home if certain requirements are met.

- A home and grounds inspection
- Criminal records check
- Completion of live scan background check within 10 days

The full approval process will need to be completed within **90 days**.