



## RESOURCE FAMILY HOME

BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF A FAMILY'S LIFE

### BENEFITS

Becoming a Resource Family will enable you to become an important part of a family's life, while providing a child in need with a feeling of safety, permanence, and well-being.

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

There is an application process to complete 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.

## Resource Family Training

Class 1 – Weeknight 6pm-9pm

Class 2 – Saturday 9am-4pm

Class 3 – Weeknight 6pm-9pm

CPR – Saturday and weeknight classes available

Fingerprinting – By appointment on weekdays and Saturdays.



## Resource Family Approval

**For a current schedule of classes:**

[www.slofostercare.com/home/calendar/](http://www.slofostercare.com/home/calendar/)

**For more information, contact us:**

(805) 781-1705

**BECOMING A RESOURCE FAMILY:**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**



Department of Social Services

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County of San Luis Obispo

Department of Social Services

# Resource Family Approval

The Resource Family Approval Process is a family-friendly and child-centered caregiver approval process for relatives and prospective foster and adoptive parents to complete to be better prepared to meet the needs of vulnerable children in the foster care system.



## **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 informational packet
- Invite individual(s) to a Resource Family Informational Meeting or meet 1:1 to provide information

## **Emergency Situations**

A child can be placed in a relative or non-relative home in emergency situations if certain requirements are met, including:

- Pass a criminal records check
- Satisfactory home and grounds inspection
- Must complete Live Scan Fingerprinting within 10 days

The complete approval process must be completed within 30 days.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

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

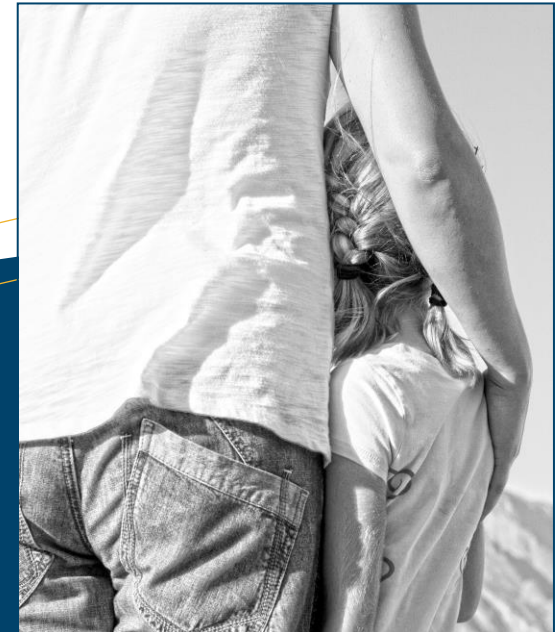
- Completed application packet
- Live Scan fingerprints
- Attend and complete Resource Family Training
- Home and grounds assessment
- Permanency assessment
- Complete and provide proof of current CPR/First Aid
- Submit DMV records
- Provide references
- Participate in face to face interviews

## **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

## **APPLICATION TIMELINE**

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



Following the completion of Resource Family Training and upon receipt of the completed Resource Family Application, a Social Worker will contact you to complete the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process.