

# STEPS TO BECOMING A RESOURCE FAMILY

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Thank you for considering becoming a resource parent or family!

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services is always looking for safe, supportive and welcoming families who can offer loving homes to children in need.

Questions? Call the Los Angeles County Foster Care and Adoptions Assistance Hotline at (888) 881 -1121 or visit [www.FosterLAKids.com](http://www.FosterLAKids.com).



## Complete the Application

Create an account and complete your online resource family approval application: [www.FosterLAKids.com](http://www.FosterLAKids.com).

If you cannot complete the application online, call (888) 881 - 1121 to begin the process.

## Attend an Orientation

The orientation is an opportunity to learn about the resource family approval (RFA) process, ask any important questions and decide whether you are ready to become a resource family.

Complete the orientation online or call (888) 811-1121 to register to attend an in-person orientation.

## Complete Background Checks

After submitting your application, you will receive a letter to submit electronic fingerprints, called a LiveScan.

## Attend Pre-Approval and Pre-Placement Training

Prospective resource families are required to attend 12 hours of pre-approval and 8 hours of pre-placement RFA training. The RFA training program will provide you with valuable information about the foster care system, the needs of children, and what it means to be a resource family.

Up to 90 days after approval, you will also need to complete CPR and First-Aid certification, which will be provided to you.

## Complete the Home Environment Assessment

A RFA social worker will schedule a time to meet with you and your family in your home to assess your home's safety. They will make sure your home passes a basic health and safety inspection and provides a suitable environment for children in the foster care system.

## Complete a Family Evaluation

A RFA social worker will schedule an appointment with you and your family to begin the family evaluation process. This assessment will help determine your readiness to provide a safe and stable home environment for children who cannot safely live with their own families.

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