

Policy: Selection Criteria

The purpose of this policy is to outline minimum requirements/qualifications of agency Foster and Adopt parents.

- Be a United States Citizen or U.S. Resident
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age if married/cohabiting and at least twenty-five (25) years of age if single
- If cohabiting, having been so for three (3) years
- If divorced, separated, or widowed, having been so for one (1) year
- Have a High School diploma or GED or demonstrate equivalent
- Have no criminal history of violating State Standards
- Have no history of abuse or neglect
- Have at least forty (40) sq. ft. of space if child will be sharing a bedroom
- Home/apartment equipped with heat and air conditioning
- Have reliable transportation (own a vehicle)
- Available hospital or emergency services within forty (40) mile radius
- Available public school services