BECOME A **FOSTER PARENT**

Foster parenting can be the most gratifying work you will ever consider. If you are considering becoming a foster parent, contact the Georgia Department of Human Services' Division of Family & Children Services at **1-877-210-KIDS (5437)** and begin the discussion. You can also visit **fostergeorgia.com/inquiry-form** or scan the QR code below to complete an inquiry form.

The approval process takes place in three phases:

1. **Inquiry**
   Prospective caregivers can inquire about becoming foster or adoptive parents by calling 1-877-210-KIDS or scanning the QR code on the right.

2. **Information Session**
   Each county DFCS office holds in-person and virtual information sessions on a regular basis. After calling 1-877-210-KIDS, prospective foster parents will be invited to a session close to their county of residence.

3. **Pre-Service Training and Home Evaluation**

Prospective foster parents must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must complete an information session virtually or in-person at their local county DFCS office.
- Must successfully complete pre-service training and a home evaluation.
- Must complete a medical exam.
- Must undergo child protective screenings and criminal records checks.
  - ◊ *Note: Screenings must also occur in the child abuse and neglect registry of additional states if the propspective foster parent or any other adult household member has resided there within the past five years.*
- Must provide proof of current residence and financial stability.

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