

Foster

Every Parent Makes a Difference



There are children of all ages and backgrounds from across the Commonwealth who need someone to provide a safe and nurturing home until they can return to their families. Time spent with you in a stable and secure environment gives a child a chance to heal and grow.





The average length of time a child spends in care is 3-18 months. While your investment in the care of a foster

Provide a safe home to a child during a time of need

Support the physical and emotional wellbeing of the child





a good communicator and understand that th you and the child are learning and growing



Engage in challenging and deeply gratifying work



FOSTER CARE SHORTER-TERM

vides emergency placements for children o are immediately removed from a home.

ovides current foster parents time off from Il-time foster parenting, with a commitment



during fostering. Support and resources are offered before and your foster child up for a successful experience. Being prepared to be a foster parent sets you and



YOUR INTEREST TO ASK QUESTIONS AND EXPRESS CONTACT DCF

Web: mass.gov/dcf Phone: (800) KIDS-508



MASSACHUSETTS PARTNERSHIP IN ATTEND THE PARENTING (MAPP) APPROACH TO

Eligible foster parents will be registered for 30 hours of training. There are several trainings offered across the state.



STEP 5

COMPLETES A A SOCIAL WORKER **LICENSE STUDY**

home and interview you and the household members, as well as



STEP 6

STEP 3

PASS A SAFETY CHECK

DCF APPROVES FOR PLACEMENT YOUR HOME

Congratulations, you are ready to foster! DCF will work to find the most suitable and a foster child. match between your family

check for room and safety and a background check on conduct a physical standards DCF will visit your home and

everyone in your home.













DCF will provide a foster care application form, which you should fill out and return.

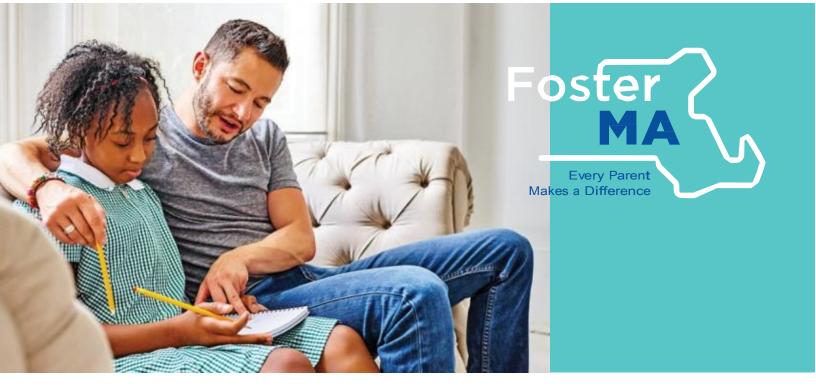
FORM

COMPLETE AN

STEP 2

APPLICATION







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