

What Is The Process For Becoming A Treatment Foster/Adoptive Parent?

The process is the same for individuals or couples who want to become Treatment Foster Parents, respite providers for children in Treatment Foster Care, or adoptive parents. The certification process has two parts:

Training

- *A 27-hour Pre-Service Training is required for all Treatment Foster Parents.
- The PRIDE Training Curriculum is used. The Child Welfare League of America developed this program with input from treatment foster families.
- *CPR and First Aid Certifications are also required.
- Upcoming training dates are posted on our website.

Training takes place at The Arc NCR offices, 4513 Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Call 410-836-7177, ext. 329 to reserve your space in the training or email us at fostercare@arcncr.org.

** Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to attend the training or classes. Please make arrangements for childcare.*

Home Study

- The Home Study is a mutual assessment process. It is a way for both The Arc NCR and you to decide if Treatment Foster Parenting or adoption is right for you.
- The Home Study involves visits to your home by a Clinical Social Worker from The Arc NCR and a series of background investigations, including criminal history, child abuse investigations, and driving records for all adults in the home.