



# Your steps to becoming a foster parent with EmberHope Youthville

*We will be there in support every step of the way*

Foster Care kids need you. There is more than 6,000 at-risk youth in foster care in Kansas. They need a foster parent who can care for them. They need to know they matter and have a safe place to call home. They need a role model who can guide them towards a brighter tomorrow.

They need someone like you.



Apply online.



## Step 1 – It starts with an application

The application on our website indicates your interest in becoming a foster parent or family. The Intake Coordinator will contact you within one business day to follow up. Soon after a Foster Care Worker will call to schedule an in-home visit with you. This visit will happen within seven days.

*“EmberHope Youthville has wonderful, caring, trained professionals who will assist you, even hold your hand, as you navigate the path of Fostering. I can't imagine doing what I do every day with these children without the support of my EmberHope worker.” – Robin C.*

## Step 2

You'll dive into the process on your very first visit by receiving a list of items to help you get licensed by the state. Your Foster Care Worker will also share guidelines and boundaries - what is prohibited - in order to help you understand the process better, what is expected of you as a foster parent, and a copy of the discipline policy. The Foster Care Worker will also explain what to expect from your training classes.

*“We are currently in the licensing process and we are learning a lot. It has been so helpful to have our Foster Care Worker helping us with the paperwork to license and answering all of our questions.” – Katelyn and Ben G.*

## Step 3

Once you are ready, you will be placed into the next available training classes. Your Foster Care Worker will check in with you bi-weekly to see how you're doing and answer any questions you may have.

## Step 4

During this time, your Foster Care Worker should give you a Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF) licensing packet to start filling out. They will be there to help answer any questions you have about the application and process.

## Step 5

Weekly check-ins will occur with your Foster Care Worker to see how you are doing, check on your progress with the DCF paperwork, and offer support or guidance regarding any home modifications that may need to be made for licensing.

## Step 6

Within a week of completing training and receiving your certificate from the trainer your Foster Care Worker will schedule a final walkthrough. They will remain in contact weekly until the packet is ready to be sent to DCF for licensing.

Once your home walkthrough has been scheduled, you are on your way to becoming a licensed foster parent and changing the lives of at-risk youth and families.

**Your decision to foster will make a lasting difference.  
It's a calling worth answering.**



**Apply online.**  
[emberhope.org/resources/kansas-foster-care-application](https://emberhope.org/resources/kansas-foster-care-application)

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