

Steps to Becoming Certified

- ❖ The process takes about 12 weeks.
- ❖ A home visit is scheduled to discuss all aspects of foster care.
- ❖ Pre-service trainings are provided.
- ❖ Assessments gather family information to determine the best match for the family and the child (children).
- ❖ Learn techniques for children who have varied needs.



We are here every step of the way.

Foster Parent Requirements

- ❖ Be at least 21 years of age
- ❖ Meet safety standards of New York State
- ❖ Successfully complete the application process
- ❖ Be willing to make a commitment
- ❖ Have a flexible schedule
- ❖ Have transportation available
- ❖ Be willing to teach life skills and share talents
- ❖ Be motivated to make a difference in the life of a child

We will provide ongoing support for the successful completion of the certification process. We also offer specialized training and utilize a team approach.

Professional staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Resources are provided to aid in the transition of a child entering your home.



Profile of a Successful Foster Care Parent

Successful Foster Parents are loving, open minded and dependable. They are willing to provide a caring, structured environment. The ultimate outcome is to create a healthy family connection for children who need adults they can turn to as they mature and face important life decisions.



What is GA Family Services?

Gustavus Adolphus Child and Family Services (GA) began in 1886 as an orphanage. As the needs of families have changed, so have the services we provide.



Today, we offer a continuum of care including a residential treatment center, a learning center, group homes, boarding homes, supervised independent living programs, wraparound services and therapeutic foster care.



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