

# Foster Care Services

## 1 APPLICATION PHASE

Average time in process: 1-2 weeks

Information session with Nightlight or DFCS



Application is reviewed and accepted. Initial background checks completed.



When you decide to become a foster or foster adoptive parent you provide a child in need with a safe and stable family environment. Children, right here in your community, are waiting for the security of your love and leadership. Life for these kids can be uncertain and chaotic. At Nightlight, we are seeking parents who have the compassion to love and the courage to care for them. Our expert team will equip you with trauma-informed training and guide you each step of the way. **You can help a child discover and achieve all they are meant to be!**

## 2 HOME STUDY PHASE

Average time in process: 3 months

Attend state required training



Complete paperwork including health examination and reference letters.



Interviews with Social Worker



Safety Home Inspection



Home Study Approval

## 3 MATCHING PHASE

Average wait time: varies based on criteria

Receive Foster Care License and Certification



Review referrals of children needing placements



Matched with child



Child placed with Foster Parents



## 4 PLACEMENT

Average time in process: varies based on individual cases

Home visits with Nightlight and County Social Worker



Transport child to visitations with biological parents based on current case plan

Judge periodically reviews case and parents' progress



Judge makes determination to reunify child with biological parents or terminate parental rights

The child will return to biological parents or move forward with adoption 30 days after TPR is signed.

