

# How to become a certified resource parent



## Find out more

Call the Oregon Department of Human Services' (ODHS) recruitment partner, Every Child, at 1-800-331-0503. You can also visit [Foster.Oregon.gov](https://www.fosteroregon.gov) to learn more.



## Training

We will provide training to prepare you for parenting and supporting children, youth, and families impacted by foster care.



## Submit an application

Submit a completed application to ODHS. A certifier will be assigned to discuss the next steps with you and help with the certification process. Every adult member in your household will need to consent to criminal history and child abuse background checks.



## SAFE (Structured Analysis Family Evaluation) home study process

The home study includes interviews, home visits, reference checks, meeting with your children and others who may live in the home, safety inspections, financial, and medical information. In most cases, these activities are completed within 180 days.



## Certification Complete

Once all required paperwork is complete and the home study is approved, you will receive a certificate of approval to be a resource parent for a two-year period. You are ready to welcome a child or youth into your home and begin supporting families.



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