

APPLICATION FOR FAMILY FOSTER HOME

WELCOME!

The Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA) of the Division of Public Welfare, Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) welcomes your interest in providing care to our foster children. Our children are in foster care because of either physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect in their family. Foster parents have an important and rewarding role that will directly impact, nurture and support the child's life while temporarily removed from their homes.

Individuals applying to become foster parents must be U.S. citizens or resident aliens and be residents of Guam (this includes active duty military personnel).

Married couples, domestic partners (joint or alone) or single persons (including single parents) 18 years or older may apply.

If you meet the requirements above, please contact the Bureau of Social Services Administration to schedule an appointment to meet with our Licensing Social Worker to go through the application process with you and answer any questions you may have. You will receive an application packet at this time.

What to Expect:

Once you have submitted an application, a social evaluation of you and your home environment will be conducted by our agency to assess your personal character, financial capability, fitness, motivation for fostering, and other factors which show your competency to care for foster children. This will help us in certifying you as a prospective foster parent.

If you have satisfactorily met the above requirements, the Department will issue a certification approving you as a licensed family foster home. The license is valid for two (2) years.

We need dedicated families that will meet the challenging needs of our children. We appreciate your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

You may contact us at:

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