

WACAP is merging with Holt, seeking foster families as well as adoptive families for the many children and youth in Washington State Foster Care.

FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION PROCESS

Application & Orientation

Once you are ready to start the process, complete the application found with the link on our website. After we receive your application & \$250 fee, we will contact you to schedule an in-office orientation.

Training & Home Study

After the orientation, you will attend training and then begin your home study after we receive your \$1,250 fee. During the home study, we will get to know you better and assess your family to best match you with a child or children.

Obtain Foster Care License

During the home study process, we will assist you to complete all paperwork, and will conduct a home inspection for your foster care license, which you will receive after the home study is finalized. This will enable you to receive monthly reimbursement payments from the state of Washington.

Matching Process

Once your license is finalized, we will begin to share your home study with state workers who are seeking families to care for children. We will be sure to advocate for children who match your child profile established in the home study. For adoption-only families, there will be a \$500 annual fee until you are matched with a child and accept placement.

Placement & Permanency

Once a child (or children) are placed in your home, we will begin monthly visits to help support you in parenting and connect you with resources. Our staff will serve as a liaison between you and state workers, and we will process monthly reimbursement payments to your family from the state.

"Our WACAP Social Worker is the best and was a major source of support"

We believe **every** child deserves a safe and loving home, and we embrace diversity and inclusion. Our definition of diversity includes race & ethnicity, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity & expression.

WACAP seeks families living in King, Pierce, & Snohomish Counties

Foster Parents are needed by children of all ages, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identities. Foster Parents are committed to a child as long as he or she may need you, until that child returns to their birthparents, moves in with relatives, or becomes available for adoption.

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a family for every child

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As a foster parent, can I adopt the child I'm caring for if reunification with birthparents or relatives is no longer possible?

yes

Adoptive Parents are needed by children and youth over age 8. These children are a diverse group as well, but they cannot safely return to their birthparents. These children and youth are waiting for someone to commit to them forever.

Family Fees:

all families: Application Fee: \$250
all families: Training, Home Study & License Fee: \$1,250
adoptive families only: Annual Advocacy fee: \$500
adoptive families only: Home Study Update (as needed): \$500

We use a trauma-informed approach to our work, utilizing an evidence-based model known as Trust-Based Relational Interventions, or TBRI, that guides our support for youth and parents.

What are qualities that make a successful foster parent or adoptive parent for children from hard places?

We find that the most successful families are Committed yet Flexible, Adventurous, & Fun-Loving. They are Lifelong Learners, Trauma-Informed, and willing to ask for help when they need it.



Whether for a short time or a lifetime, children are waiting. Perhaps they are waiting for you.