

Foster Parent Mentor Qualifications, Training and Duties

Minimum Qualifications:

- Current or previous foster parent in good standing
- 3 years minimum experience with children of various ages and behavior challenges
- No open abuse reports or Corrective Action Plans
- Open to partnering with biological and extended family, potential adoptive families, and child welfare professionals to achieve permanency
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Flexible time schedule
- Valid driver's license
- Committed to a positive approach
- High school diploma or equivalent

Training:

- 3 day foster parent mentor training
- Become a MAPP Trainer
- Overview of QPI pre-service training
- 12 hours of CEU's each year (that is in addition to the agency's current requirement).

Duties:

- Monthly meeting with Foster Care Liason
- Teach pre-service training to prospective foster parents
- Be available to be assigned to new foster parents
- Establish a personal, working relationship with foster parents
- Physically meet with the foster parents in their home at least once
- Make phone/email contact as requested
- Advocate attendance at FAPA
- Complete monthly mentor reporting forms
- Mentor new foster families for a minimum of 3 months
- Assist new foster parents in navigating the foster care system

Foster Parent Mentor Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Occupation: _____ Level of Education: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Personal Interests: _____

Do you have a valid Driver's License? _____

Are you currently a licensed foster parent in Volusia, Flagler or Putnam Counties?

Which CPA (CHS, Devereux, FUMCH or NTF) is your licensing provider?

How long have you been (or were you) a foster parent? _____

Please list all biological and adopted children under the age of 18 reside in your home:

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list all foster children (first name only) who reside in your home:

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



About which age group do you feel you are best qualified to offer advice and support to new foster parents (You may check more than one):

0-5 years 6-12 years 13-17 years No preference

Please check all areas in which you feel you well qualified to offer advice and support to new foster parents (Please check all that apply):

- Behavioral Issues Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse
- Emotional Issues Mental Health Issues Medical Issues
- Navigating the School System Information re: Community Services
- Permanency Planning Working with Biological Families
- Trauma Informed Care Support through Abuse Investigations

Please describe your experience and comfort level working with children of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds:

Please describe any specific areas in which you may not feel comfortable providing support to new foster parents:

Please describe your experience in working with biological parents and family members, as well as adoptive parents, to help children achieve permanency:

I have read and understand the Foster Parent Mentor Program Description and Job Requirements. I attest that I meet all of the job requirements. I am willing to share my personal experiences with new foster parents. I am willing to refer new foster parents to CPC when necessary. I acknowledge that I cannot counsel new foster parents in legal or psychiatric matters and will refer to CPC when these situations arise. I will, to the best of my ability, provide support to new foster parents assigned to me and follow the foster parent mentor program rules, including confidentiality.

Signature

Date

