

Persons wishing to become certified treatment Foster Parents must comply with the following legal requirements for licensure:

- be at least 21 years of age;
- State and Federal fingerprinting;
- Child Protective Services background check;
- Pinkerton Personal History Background Check;
- Child Support Clearance (tells us if you OWE outstanding child support)
- Home Health and Fire Inspection;
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Background Check;
- Physical Exam / with a negative TB Test;
- 5 Personal References;
- Employment References;
- School References (for any biological/adopted children in the home attending K-12th grade);
- Two recent pay stubs;
- One copy of:
 - Marriage license (if applicable);
 - Car insurance policy;
 - Home owners/renters insurance;
 - Driver's license;
 - Family photograph;
 - Photograph of pets (if applicable);
 - Documentation regarding applicable pet vaccinations (if applicable);
 - Resident Alien card (if a non-U.S. citizen);
- Current Child, Infant and Adult CPR Certification;
- First Aid Certification.
- Have reliable transportation;
- Have a telephone;
- Have an answering machine/voice mail able to receive messages;
- Have sufficient income and financial stability to meet own family's needs without a foster care stipend;

Prospective Foster Parents must attend 32 hours of pre-service training conducted by The Arc of Baltimore Foster Care staff, during which they complete a Foster Parent application, an autobiography and consent forms allowing The Arc of Baltimore to request information about them and their family members. Additionally, there are at least two home visits with The Arc of Baltimore certification coordinator or home study clinician, so the home and neighborhood can be inspected, family members can be interviewed and a family assessment completed.