Caregiver Qualifications

- At least 18 years of age.
- In good physical and mental health.
- An understanding of the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of children and non-minor dependents who have been victims of child abuse and neglect, and a capacity and willingness to meet those needs, including the need for protection, and a willingness to make use of support resources offered by the agency, or a support structure in place, or both.
- An understanding of children's or non-minor dependents' needs and development, effective parenting skills or knowledge about parenting, and a capacity to act as a reasonable and prudent parent in day-to-day decision making.
- An understanding of his or her role as a Resource Family and a capacity to work cooperatively with the County and other service providers in implementing a child's or non-minor dependent's case plan.
- The financial ability within the household to ensure the stability and financial security of the family.
- An ability and willingness to maintain the least restrictive and most family-like environment that serves the needs of a child or non-minor dependent.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the rights of children or non-minor dependents in care and his or her responsibility to safeguard those rights.
- Knowledge and willingness to prepare a child for adulthood or to prepare a non-minor dependent for the transition to independent living.
- An understanding of and an ability and willingness to participate in the Quality Parenting Initiative Partnership Plan.

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KINGS COUNTY RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL (RFA) PROGRAM

IT'S NOT A JOB; IT IS A COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN.

What is a Resource Family?

RFA is a unified, family friendly and child-centered resource family approval process that replaces the existing multiple processes, eliminates duplication, and increases approval standards by incorporating a comprehensive psychosocial evaluation of all families that want to foster, adopt, or provide legal guardianship to a child.

What is a Resource Family?

- An individual, couple, or family who wants to provide care to a related or unrelated child who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, or otherwise in the care of a county child welfare agency.
- A Resource Family has successfully met approval standards which include building and ground inspection, risk assessment, background clearances, training and a permanency assessment as established in the Resource Family Written Directives.
- Upon approval, a Resource Family is considered to be approved for providing foster care, becoming a legal guardian or adopting a child without going through additional processes.

What is the Resource Family Approval Process?

- One application.
- One background check
- Combined Home environment and permanency assessments.
- Pre-approval and post-approval training for all families.

Pre-approval training

- Orientation, 3 hours
- Foster Pride/Adopt Pride, 27 hours
- CPR/First Aid Certified

Post-approval training

- 20 hours per year
- Current CPR/First Aid

Training is provided free of charge.