

STEPS TO RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL



Stanford Sierra Youth & Families believes each and every youth deserves the love, safety, and unconditional commitment of a family. The Pathways to Permanency program supports this goal and provides several paths to permanency to ensure every young person has a lifelong connection to family and the opportunity to thrive.

Step 1: Inquiry

Call us or [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the interest form on our website. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have about becoming a Resource Parent.

Step 2: Orientation

Join us at our next orientation to learn more about the process!

Virtual orientations are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-8PM.

Step 3: Preliminary Interview

The Preliminary Interview is the first opportunity to meet with you as a family to determine how we may meet the needs of children living in foster care together.

Step 4: Application

During the application process, you are completing the required paperwork and training for the Resource Family Approval.

Step 5: Training

All prospective Resource Families are required to participate in 11 hours of Resource Family pre-approval training (in addition to 1 hour of orientation).

Step 6: SAFE Home Study/ Family Evaluation

The SAFE home study is utilized to complete an evaluation of all prospective Resource Families. This step helps us to determine your family's capacity to parent and support youth from culturally diverse backgrounds who have experienced trauma.

Step 7: Home Walkthrough

During this step, we will evaluate your home to ensure a physically safe environment. We also make sure your home is a space that promotes healing and well-being for youth who have experienced trauma.

Step 8: Approval

The final approval occurs when we and your family mutually understand how to be a resource together, paperwork has been submitted, training has been completed, all clearances have been obtained, and your home meets the Community Care Licensing standards.

Step 9: Search & Referral

Once you are fully approved as a Resource Family, we review the needs of youth being referred and mutually determine how you can best support their pathway to permanency.

Step 10: Placement

Once a child/youth is placed with your family, you will receive on-going support from your assigned Social Worker through regular home visits. An on-call team is available to support with needs after business hours. Support groups and additional trainings are offered throughout the year.

Re-Approval

The approval as a Resource Family is for two years. An earlier re-approval may be needed for individual circumstances (i.e. relocation, significant changes, etc.)



For more information, please email p2p@ssyaf.org.