

Placement Requirements: (for kinship or temporary foster care – within 60 days of referral)

* Caregivers must be at least 21 years of age – or a waiver is needed.
* Household member 18 years and older must obtain Criminal, Child Abuse, FBI Clearances, and comply with the Act 160 process.
* If 18 and over and lived in another state in the past 5 years, obtain child abuse and criminal clearances from that state.
* Each caregiver must obtain a physical and provide a list of medications and purposes.
* Each caregiver must provide 3 references and their contact information.
* Provide copies of: (if applicable)
  + Driver’s licenses
  + Car registrations
  + Car insurance
  + Homeowners/renters insurance
  + Social Security Statement (ssa.gov/myaccount)
  + 2 recent pay stubs – if applicable
* Complete Trainings – total of 12 hours required.
  + Mandated Reporter ([www.reportabuse.pitt.edu](http://www.reportabuse.pitt.edu))
* Placement Application
* Passing water test (if well or spring water)
* Meet home study/home safety requirements – Overall Safety
  + Children must have their own bed.
  + Children of the opposite sex cannot share a bedroom if one of the children is age 5 or older.
  + Child safety locks for medications and toxic substances if child is 5 or under.
  + Covers on open electrical outlets if child is 5 or under.
  + Heat, electric, running water, etc.
  + Guns in the home must be locked and ammunition stored and locked separately.
  + Fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
  + Smoke detectors on every level of the home including basement and attic.
  + Car seats/booster seats if applicable.
  + If a pool is at the home, must follow ordinance for safety requirements (fence, locked deck, etc.)
* Comprehensive orientation/policy paperwork/home study – approximately 2 hours.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 724-284-9440.

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