

Licensing FAQs

How long does the licensing process take?

The average time is 3-6 months. We'll guide you step by step and move at a pace that works for you.

Do I have to figure everything out on my own?

Not at all. You'll have support the entire way—from your first meeting through licensing and beyond. We're here to answer questions, help with paperwork, and walk alongside you.

Is there a fee for licensing?

No; if you are fostering or adopting a child from Pennsylvania, the only costs you'll pay during licensing are for your clearances, your physical exam (with your own doctor), and a water test if you have well water.

Will I have to come to a lot of trainings?

There are only two in-person trainings you'll complete during the licensing process. The rest are online and you'll be able to do them at your convenience.

Will I need to have a perfect home?

Your home does not need to be perfect—just safe, clean, and welcoming. We'll walk through your home with you and help make sure everything is ready for a child.



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