

# TRAINING

Pre-Service training is required for each applicant. Pre-service training consists of 12 modules that meet the 36-hour training requirement for Ohio Job and Family Services.

Pre-service training can be completed over several weeks, or one weekend. Pre-service training is offered locally by PCJFS, and by other public and private foster care licensing agencies. Speak with your assigned assessor to determine what works best for you.

Each applicant must participate in Policy and Procedure training. Each applicant must obtain certification in Adult and Pediatric CPR.

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

Contact the Administrative Assistant-Children Services, Melissa Boyd at [Mellisa.Boyd@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Mellisa.Boyd@jfs.ohio.gov) or (330)389-7510

Or submit an inquiry at Ohio Foster, Adoption and Kinship Care

<https://fosterandadopt.jfs.ohio.gov/wps/portals/gov/ofc/home>



Job & Family Services

### Child and Adult Protective Services

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

24/7 Abuse/Neglect Hotline (330)296-CARE  
Adoption (330)297-3809

### Public Assistance and Administration

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
(330)297-3750

### Child Support

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
(330)297-3791

### OhioMeansJobs Portage County

253 S. Chestnut Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
(330)296-2841

### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Closed all major holidays

### Director:

Kellijo Jeffries, PHD, MSW, LSW

### Portage County Board of Commissioners:

Sabrina Christian-Bennett  
Anthony J. Badalamenti  
Vicki A. Kline

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# FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

**Portage County  
Job & Family Services**  
Child and Adult  
Protective Services  
Division

## A GOOD FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT IS...

- ✓ An adult age 21 and older
- ✓ Single, married, divorced or widowed individuals
- ✓ Committed to caring for children
- ✓ Accepting of children as they are
- ✓ A valued partner with the agency and birth families
- ✓ Able to provide support and be a strong support to the child
- ✓ Able to be a strong role model

## REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

- All foster parents must be licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Complete an application for child placement
- A home study must be completed with every person living in the home
- The home must be structurally sound and pass a safety and fire inspection
- You must be free of any physical, emotional or mental health conditions that may endanger a child
- All household members must obtain a medical statement from a physician
- All household members age 18 or older must complete a criminal background check



## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR BECOMING A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENT?

There are no income limits required to become a foster or adoptive parent. However, it is expected that you earn or receive income that can cover your regular expenses. Foster parents receive an allowance to cover the cost of food, shelter and clothing for children in their care. Medical expenses are the responsibility of the agency. Adoptive parents may be eligible for subsidies.