



**Kansas Caregivers  
Support Network**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Foster parents** and **kinship caregivers** are an invaluable part of a team that works together to ensure the health and safety of children. These families maintain placement of the child(ren) on a temporary basis until they are able to be reintegrated into their home of removal, or until they can reach permanency through alternative means such as adoption, custodianship, or guardianship. If a child is not able to return to the home of their immediate family, the majority of children in foster care are adopted by their foster parents or kinship caregivers. [Click here to learn more about how to become a foster parent.](#)

**Q.** How do I find a child-placing agency (CPA) to sponsor our family in our journey to adopt?

**A.** One of the first major steps to becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent in Kansas is to find a Child Placing Agency to support your family's journey. [Explore our partnered agencies to learn more.](#)

Visit the Children's Alliance website to learn more about becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent in Kansas. [Foster Parenting in Kansas \(childally.org\).](#)

**Q.** How do I enroll in the required training for foster and adoptive parents in Kansas, MAPP Foundations?

**A.** Foster and adoptive families in Kansas are required to participate in a 30 hour, 10-week training course. Please visit the Children's Alliance website to learn more about available trainings. [Browse Courses.](#)

**Q.** Do I have to have my own home to become a foster parent?

**A.** You do not have to own your own home; in fact, many foster parents rent their residence.

**Q.** Are there income requirements to be a foster or kinship caregiver?

**A.** There is no specific income requirement for potential foster and kinship caregivers. However, you will need to show that you have the means to support yourself and the children in your care. You will be asked to complete a budget and discuss finances during your home study process