

Foster Care & Host Home FAQ Sheet

Understanding Foster Care

Q: What is foster care in Texas?

Foster care in Texas is a licensed, state-supervised arrangement in which children or youth who cannot safely remain in their birth home are placed with trained, approved caregivers. Foster care is administered through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in partnership with licensed providers like Living Hope Residential Care LLC. Foster care is intended to be temporary — the goal is always reunification with the birth family when safe, or another permanent placement when reunification is not possible.

Q: Who can become a foster parent in Texas?

In Texas, foster parents must be at least 21 years old, pass background checks (including fingerprinting), complete pre-service training, and have their home approved through a licensing study. You can be single or married, renting or owning, with or without children of your own. Living Hope can help guide prospective foster families through the licensing process.

Q: What does the foster care licensing process involve?

The process typically involves: (1) Orientation — an informational session about what foster care involves; (2) Application — completing the formal application with personal references; (3) Background checks — fingerprinting and criminal history checks for all adults in the household; (4) Pre-service training — typically 30+ hours covering child development, trauma, and behavior; (5) Home study — a licensed worker visits your home to assess safety and readiness; and (6) License approval upon successful completion.

Q: What support will I receive as a foster parent?

Foster parents working through Living Hope receive support including pre-placement training, case coordination with DFPS, access to the child's care team (caseworker, therapist, physician), and ongoing communication with our team throughout the placement.

Q: Can I specify what type of child is placed with me?

Yes. You have the right to specify the age range, number of children, and types of needs you are prepared to support. Matches are made based on your approval criteria and the needs of available children.

Understanding Host Home Services

Q: What is a Host Home, and how is it different from foster care?

A Host Home is a program in which an adult with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) is matched with a trained, screened host family who provides a home, support, and companionship. Unlike foster care (which serves children through the child welfare system), Host Home services are designed for adults with IDD and are overseen by Living Hope Residential Care LLC under HHSC licensing — not DFPS.

Q: Who is eligible to become a Host Home provider?

Anyone with a stable, safe home environment and a genuine heart for supporting adults with IDD may be considered. Host Home providers must pass background checks, complete a home study, and participate in training provided or coordinated by Living Hope.

Q: What does a Host Home provider do day to day?

Host Home providers welcome an individual with IDD into their family home as a member of the household. This includes providing meals, a safe sleeping space, transportation, participation in daily activities, and emotional support. The level of personal care provided depends on the individual's specific needs and care plan.

Q: Do Host Home providers receive compensation?

Yes. Host Home providers receive a room and board stipend, and may receive additional compensation depending on the level of support required by the individual placed with them. Contact our team at 979-313-5300 for specific compensation details.

Q: How is the right match made between a Host Home and an individual?

Living Hope takes matching seriously. We consider the individual's personality, interests, support needs, communication style, and the host family's household composition, lifestyle, and capacity before proposing any match. Families have the opportunity to meet the individual before a placement is finalised.

Q: What oversight does Living Hope provide to Host Home providers?

Host Home providers are not left on their own. Our care coordination team provides ongoing oversight, regular check-ins, access to behavioral support and care planning resources, and a direct contact for questions or emergencies. Providers are part of the broader Living Hope care team.

Tip: Interested in becoming a Host Home provider?

Contact our team at 979-313-5300 to learn more about the screening process, what a Host Home arrangement looks like in practice, and whether it might be the right fit for your household. There is no obligation to the initial conversation.

Getting Started

Q: What is the first step to becoming a foster parent or Host Home provider?

Contact our team for an initial conversation. There is no obligation and no pressure — we want you to have accurate, complete information so you can make the right decision for your family. We will walk you through eligibility, the process, timelines, and what to expect. Call 979-313-5300 or email umukabba@gmail.com to get started.

Ready to take the next step?

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