

Becoming a Certified Foster Parent



How To Apply

- Step 1- Connect with our foster home recruiter: fosterinfo@nextdoorinc.org and 541-308-2207
- Step 2- Submit an application [here](#)
- Step 3- Attend an online orientation (staff will schedule after receiving your application)
- Step 4- Begin certification paperwork and training process

Minimum Requirements for Foster Parents

- 21 years of age or older
- Pass a fingerprint-based background check
- Have an extra bedroom in the home, dedicated to foster youth
- Live in Hood River County or Wasco County
- Have adequate transportation for appointments and emergencies
- Ability to work as a team with staff, and other service providers

The Next Door Provides:

- 24-hour on-call support
- Trauma-informed training, including a monthly meeting for support and training
- Two paid days-off per month (respite)
- Financial support of about \$2100/month, per-youth (non-taxed)
- \$500 bonus after training is complete and a youth is placed in the home

Foster Plus

The Next Door is proud to be a part of the Foster Plus collaborative, a group of foster care agencies focused on recruiting and certifying foster parents who will provide support for Oregon's most at-risk youth. Using innovative research and storytelling, the Foster Plus campaign brings together the different efforts of each agency under one unified voice to raise awareness around the importance of fostering.

Watch Kathy's story about being a foster parent [here](#).