### **Become Foster Parents.**

#### **GET STARTED NOW!**

### S tep 1



Find our Office? Look for Foster Care either on Ministry's Website or contact us on 489 3081 or Email us on: fostercaredivision@govmu.org

### S tep 2

Completing and Submitting Application Form

### S tep 3

Assessing Your Family / Attending Psychological/Screening Sessions

### S tep 4

Completing a Home Study Visit

### S tep 5

Upon favorable reporting, getting Registered as Foster Home

### S tep 6

Training to Prospective Foster Parents.

### S tep 7

Enrolling for Matching and Placement with a Child in need of Foster Care.

### Completing an Application



To make the application process as smooth as possible:

- Be open and honest in respect of information sought for through the Application Form; and
- If you have concerns about something specific that might disqualify you from fostering - talk to your caseworker about it.

As part of completing an application, you will need to be prepared to provide or consent to:

- Letters of reference from your employer and those who know you;
- Character Certificate This step involves attending a Police District Headquarters in your area of residence and getting a criminal record check;
- Verification of income and financial stability to meet your expenses – payslip and/or bank statement;
- Submit a location plan so that the caseworker can conduct a home study visit;
- Submit Birth Certificate (all home residents), NIC, Marriage Certificate, a certified copy of your decree of divorce (if applicable);
- Health Certificate/s; and
- Proof of Ownership of your property or Rent Book, if applicable.

### Foster children are entitled to Financial Support from the Ministry

### Alert!



If your caseworker finds you to be deceptive or dishonest, or if documents collected during the home study process expose inconsistencies, this office may not approve your application.

Do You Know who are our Young People?

- They are aged from birth to 17+.
- They have experienced difficulties in their families, whether it be neglect, rejection, physical abuse or sexual abuse.
- They may have serious behavioral issues due to health, emotional and/or social problems, as well as developmental delays.
- They are in need of a family that for a certain period of time, will take care of them, listen to them, support them, love them and help them feel safe and meaningful.
- They are followed by a caseworker and psychologist of the Ministry. They are also seen by medical health practitioners and staff from the educational sector.



### Standards for Becoming a Foster Family/About Fostering

- You must be over 18 years old and be a Mauritian resident.
- You may live alone, as a family or as a couple.
- You must have a clean Character Certificate.
- Your Registration Certificate as Foster Parent must not have been suspended or revoked or terminated.
- You must have a safe and conducive living environment.
- You must have physical space to foster a child, based on criteria of safety standards, hygiene and comfort.
- You must be available for the child entrusted to your care.
- You must have sufficient financial means to cater for the child's needs in terms of health, education and others.



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#### **FOSTER CARE DIVISION**

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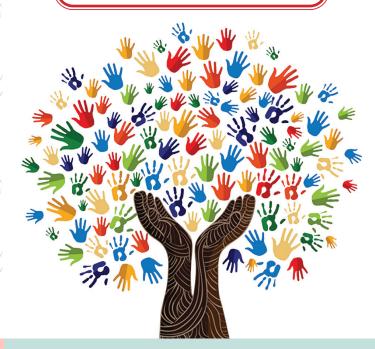
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CHILD DEVELOPMENT UNIT FOSTER CARE DIVISION

## Foster Care Programme



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