



	Foster Care	Foster-to-Adopt	Domestic Adoption	International Adoption
Temporary vs. Permanent	Temporary	Permanent (typically)	Permanent	Permanent
Greatest Need	All ages	Older children & sibling groups	Newborn up to 5 years; sibling groups	Older Children (7+) / Sibling Groups / Special Needs
Minimum Parent Age	21+	21+	25+	27+
Income Requirement	Financially Stable Household	Financially Stable Household	Financially Stable Household	Financially Stable Household & meet 125% of US poverty guidelines for number of people in the family
Maximum Children in Home	Including all minors, total of 5	Including all minors, total of 5	2 (case by case)	Program dependent
Training	30+ hours prior to license 20 hours biannually	30+ hours prior to license, 20 hour biannually until adoption finalized	6 hours training online, 6 in-service hours	21.5 + hours throughout the entire adoption process
Timeline	3-6 months to be licensed	3-6 months to license to begin fostering. 1-3 years to finalize adoption	On average 6-8 months to be approved, 7-12 months to be placed	On average, 2-4 years to be approved, placed and finalized
Homestudy Required?	Mutual Home Assessment	Yes	Yes	Yes