

Foster Family Support System

A Foster Family Support System, or **FFSS**, is a natural support for a foster family - a friend, neighbor, or relative who can provide care for foster children in place of their approved foster family for up to 72 hours.

The FFSS is designed to help children feel comfortable and secure when their foster parents cannot care for them for short periods of time.

Foster home is open and approved,
and foster family recommends someone for their FFSS.

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Resource Worker collects FFSS information for basic background checks: State Police criminal, DMV, and both in-state and out-of-state Central Registry

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Resource Worker submits information within 7 days. If member of FFSS has a true finding/is on Central Registry, FFSS will not be approved.

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Resource Worker usually gets background check results within 2-3 weeks. Out-of-state checks may take 120 days or more.

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Resource Worker contacts FFSS to set up home walk through. Walk through should be scheduled within 72 hours.

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Resource Worker conducts final walk through and documents information in CHRIS.

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Resource Worker notifies the referring Foster Home upon approval of the FFSS.

FFSS is approved! Foster family can see approved FFSS in the Foster and Adopt Provider Portal under "My Home" tab.