

**SW Health and Human Services Presents**

# **Foster Parent Training**

**Saturday, September 24**

**9 am to 3:30 pm**

**Lyon County Courthouse**

607 West Main St

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor / Commissioner's Conf Room

**Check out our website: [SWMHHS.com](http://SWMHHS.com) / Foster Parent tab for information and registration form**

The Licensing Dept will guide participants through an interactive and informative training day filled with activities and learning opportunities. The session will provide answers to many important questions.

**Watch prerequisite videos:** You will be required to watch these videos and listen to podcasts before attending class.

**Attend Class:** Attend a full day training session.

Additional training on children's mental health, child passenger safety, Abusive Head Trauma, and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death are required prior to licensure.

Assist the agency in completing your home study.

Complete policies and procedures as required.

Complete a Home Safety Checklist of your home and address any safety concerns found.

Typically, you can expect the process to take 3 – 6 months.

## **Foster Care Provider Requirements**

Live in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood or Rock County.

Live in a house or apartment which has at least 2 bedrooms and meets fire code for safety reasons.

Be at least 21 years old for Child Foster care, 18 years old for Adult Foster Care.

Be single or a couple.

Have enough income to meet your own family's needs.

Have experience as a caregiver, or be willing to learn if you don't have experience.

Use methods of discipline that do not include corporal punishment.

All household family members welcome having a child in the home.

All household family members support the licensing process.

Agree to keep all information confidential.

Participate in a series of home visits to complete the home study.

Attend required training.

Complete the application materials:

1. Submit to a background check for all household members age 13 and older.
2. Provide 3 personal references.
3. Submit an individual fact sheet regarding all household members 18 yrs old and older.
4. Be free of chemical use problems for at least the past 2 years.

## **SWHHS Recommendations**

Demonstrate financial and emotional stability, responsibility and a willingness to work closely with the agency.

Have reliable transportation to transport children to appointments (maybe frequently).

Check out [SWMHHS.com](http://SWMHHS.com)

Foster Parent tab or

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