

What Are The Requirements Of A Foster Parent?

Specific responsibilities for each foster parent are developed according to the unique needs of the child placed in care. Some basic requirements of foster parenting include:

Training Provided by Eliada

- 30 hours of pre-service training for family foster care
- 40 hours of pre-service training for therapeutic foster care
- 24 hours per year of in-service training
- CPR/First Aid certification
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Medication Administration

Parent Qualities and Criteria

- 21 years of age or older
- Consent to a state and federal background check
- Possess a valid NC driver's license and insurance coverage
- Provide a stable home
- Have adequate room for a child
- Be able to transport children
- Be able to provide written, unbiased documentation of events and behaviors of the child
- Be willing to work in partnership with Eliada
- Work professionally with community agencies
- Be flexible
- Be able to maintain relationships with adults and children
- Be able to nurture a child's spiritual and cultural development

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent?

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Applications are on our website
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In January 2001, Eliada was fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services to Children and Families (COA). COA's sanction attests that an organization meets the highest national standards in delivering superior quality services to its community. Eliada joins COA's Community of Excellence, which includes over 1,000 private and public organizations serving more than 6,000,000 individuals, children, and families throughout the United States and Canada.



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Agency History And Mission



Eliada Homes, Inc. has served children and families in Asheville, North Carolina for over one hundred years. Founded by Dr. Lucius Compton in 1903 as a home for women and children, the agency is a witness to history and the development of residential childcare in America. This historical perspective aids Eliada as it works to meet the needs of modern families. As the demand for services changes over the years, Eliada keeps pace with a state-of-the-art program dedicated to providing a full service continuum of care.

Why Should I Become A Foster Parent?

The children who come into foster care present both challenges and opportunities. The challenges exist in parenting children who have lived under difficult circumstances; the opportunities lie in providing the love and care that can make a huge difference. Foster parenting is about changing lives one child at a time. It is about believing and investing in the future. We hope you will consider making that investment.

There is a growing need for foster homes for children of all ages. Required assessments and training are provided at no cost to applicant families.

Who Are The Children In Need of Foster Care?

Eliada's Foster Care Programs provide family foster homes and therapeutic foster homes for children who are in need of out of home placement.

Children in need of foster parents are often from right here in Western North Carolina. They



range in age from 0-21 years. Children experience a range of emotional and behavioral problems of varying degrees. These problems are addressed in a nurturing family environment that will help children concentrate on their strengths and enhance their self-esteem.

The Benefit of Foster Care

The Foster Care system enhances the wellbeing of children and families by attending to the needs of the child, their family and the foster family.

Eliada's programs promote permanent family living arrangements for children through reunification, guardianship, and adoption.

Eliada Foster Parents

We are looking for professional dependable and enthusiastic, individuals to train to become foster parents. We expect that Eliada Foster Parents will take exceptional care of children that are placed in their homes.

What Kind of Support Can I Expect?

Training to become a foster parent is provided by Eliada staff who are dedicated and qualified professionals. Thirty hours of training are provided in a group setting or individually before a child is placed in your home. Monthly group training is provided at Eliada as well. These trainings offer time to sharpen parenting skills, to fellowship and network with other foster parents.

Each foster parent works with a consultant who is available 24 hours a day. Eliada's consultants provide individualized supervision. On going training and staff support are an essential part of the partnership and are geared toward the child's behavior, intensity, and emotional problems.

How Do I Financially Support The Needs of My Foster Child?

Foster parents are reimbursed for the time and energy given to the children in care. The reimbursement rate is competitive with other agencies and is based on both the needs of the child as well as the training and experience of the foster parent.

