

# Qualifications

To qualify, our providers must:

- Reside in Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Pike, or Schuylkill Counties.
- Be at least 25 years of age.
- Not be providing services through another agency; and/or not receiving services through another agency or Access Services.
- Provide Criminal Record Checks, Child Abuse History Clearances, and FBI Clearances for everyone age 18 and older living in the home, to include the designated alternate. In addition, Local Police and Child Protective checks will be conducted. All applicants must have a social security number.
- Have a former agency reference, if applicable.
- Be in good physical and mental health, and free from contagious diseases.
- Have a valid driver's license and a fully insured car; and be willing to provide transportation to appointments, respites, recreational activities, etc.
- Live in a safe neighborhood.
- Have a home (with one or two private bedrooms available) that is insured (renter's or homeowner's) and passes safety standards established by the state of Pennsylvania.
- Earn an income sufficient to meet the financial needs of his/her family without relying on reimbursement for room, board, and care to the person placed.
- Meet state training requirements including pre-service training and annual training requirements.
- Provide a safe, stable, and nurturing environment.
- Be willing to become culturally competent and accept and embrace the importance of culture in family, community life, and planning.
- Participate in the development and implementation of service plans.
- Respect the rights of each individual placed and promote good moral values.
- Willing to travel for appointments as scheduled.
- Be willing to communicate and partner with the natural family.
- Respect confidentiality and follow HIPAA policy concerning this issue.
- Be willing to adhere to the contracted rules and regulations.
- Must have access to a desktop or laptop computer.

Our high standards provide protection for the individuals in our programs as well as for our host families. Any information that is contrary to or incompatible with the above-mentioned standards will result in the denial of applicants.