

WAC 110-148-1365 What are the personal requirements for foster parents? (1) You must be at least twenty-one years old to apply for a license.

(2) You must demonstrate you have:

(a) The understanding, ability, physical health, emotional stability, and personality suited to meet the physical, mental, emotional, cultural, and social needs of children under your care;

(b) You must have sufficient regular income to maintain your own family, without the foster care reimbursement made for the children in your care;

(c) At least one applicant in the home must have functional literacy; and

(d) You must be able to communicate with the child, the department, health care providers, and other service providers.

(3) You may not use drugs or alcohol, whether legal or illegal, in a manner that affects your ability to provide safe care to children.

(4) You and everyone residing on your premises or who you allow to have unsupervised access to children must demonstrate they have the ability to furnish children with a nurturing, respectful, and supportive environment.

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