

Mercer County Resource Care
Information on Becoming a Resource Family

Thousands of children and youth in Pennsylvania are currently placed in temporary foster care (or resource care). Becoming a Resource Family is an amazing opportunity to make an impact on the life of a child and their family in a significant and lasting way.

Individuals interested in becoming a resource family must, minimally, be at least 21 years of age, receive a medical appraisal that certifies they are physically able to care for children, and be free of communicable diseases. In addition, an in-depth evaluation of the total family circumstances and history will be completed during the approval process.

It is important to remember that not all children are the same and not all resource families look the same. MCCYS Resource Care is committed to recruiting, licensing, and supporting diverse resource families.

There are many challenges associated with being a resource home. Although many children are in resource care, most are there for a short period of time before returning to their family of origin. As a resource family, you will provide that child with a safe, nurturing, and loving home, while preparing for them to eventually return to their family.

During the certification process, and while you are a resource family with our agency, we are here to support you. We will provide you with training, coaching, case management services, and any support that you need to assist you through this process.

Please complete the application form below to start the process, and a Resource Care caseworker will contact you to answer any questions you may have, and to set up an initial home visit should you choose to do so.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a resource family!



Mercer County Resource Care Resource Family Application

Applicant #1

Applicant # 2 (if applicable)

Name: _____

Name: _____

DOB: _____

DOB: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Family Address: _____

Household Members:

Name	DOB

Are you currently licensed as foster/resource home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the name of your agency: _____

How did you hear about Mercer County Resource Care? _____