The Adoption & Foster Care Process Road Map

Road to Building Successful Relationships!

Intake Homestudy

Child Match

Finalization (Adoption)

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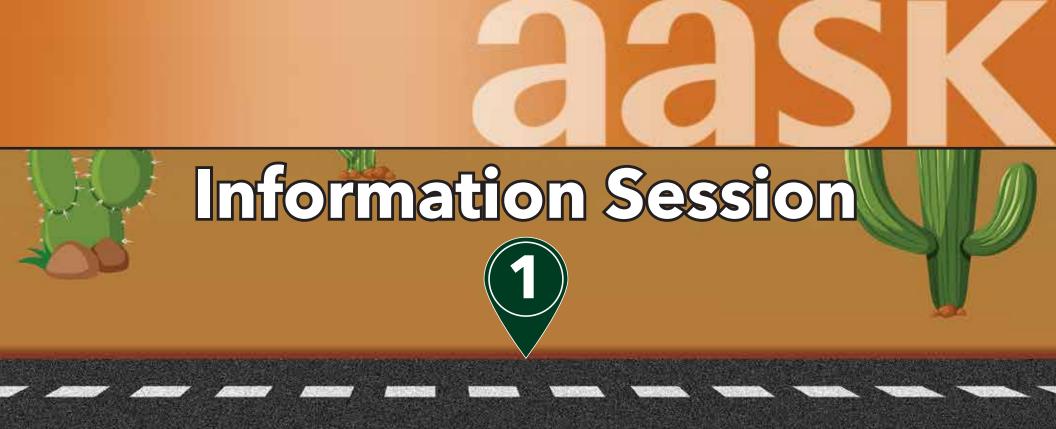
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Training

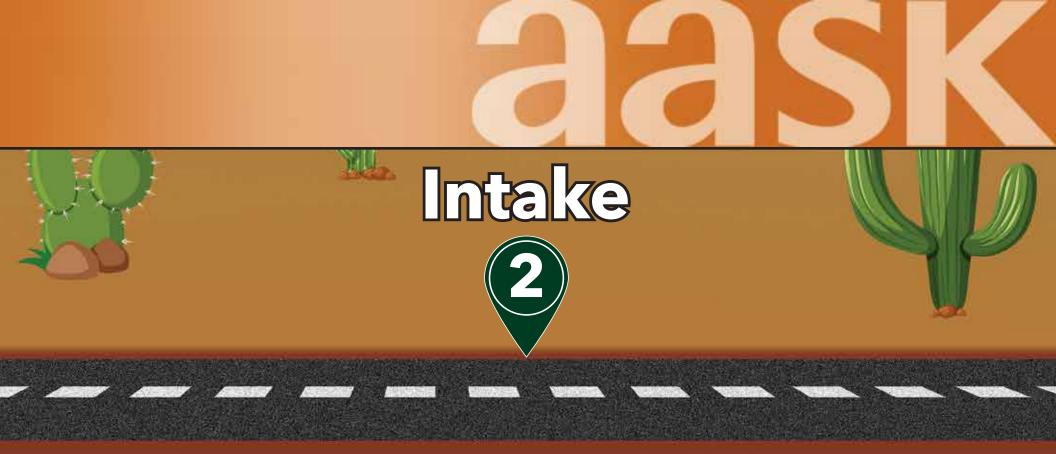
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Placement

Family Support



• The first step to discovering the various ways you can partner with AASK to provide relationships to children.



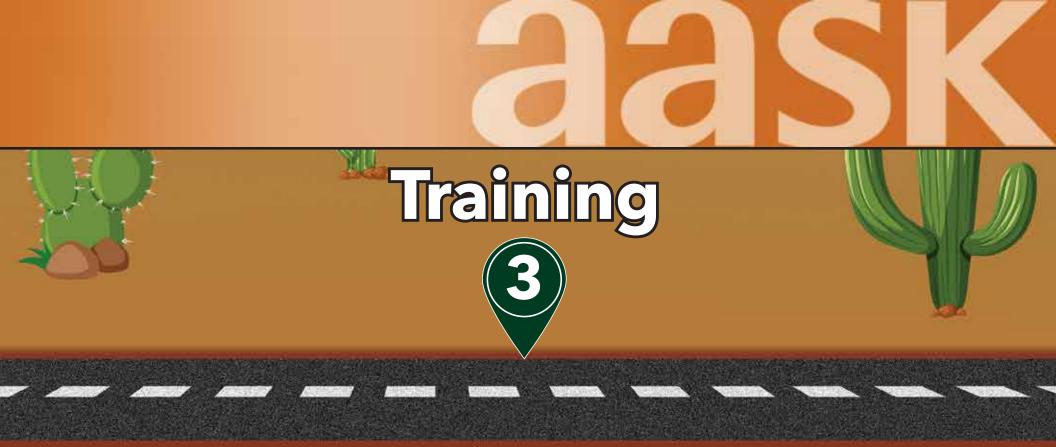
 A few forms and signatures are all it takes to start a discussion with an AASK Family Specialist about how you can be a 'family' to a child in foster care.
 It is also where you and AASK determine whether AASK is the right agency for you.

Intake Process Details

- Primary
 Questionnaire to
 learn more about
 your family.
- Handed out at the information session if you are interested in continuing.
- Complete and return it to the agency.

- You will receive a call to schedule a meeting within 3 business days of receipt of your Pre-Intake questionnaire.
- Preliminary meeting to know more about your family.

- Review
 Intakes and
 Develop follow
 up questions.
- Follow up questions.
- Detailed overview of process
- You are provided a link to the online orientation required by Arizona
 Department of Child Safety.
- This online session must be completed before you can start training.



- Adoptive, Kinship, and Foster families are trained together.
- Training is a blend of online sessions and in-person classes...
 - 5 in class sessions of 3 hours each
 - Online, interactive, multi-media component in between classes
 - Trainings are held at our offices in the west, central, and east valley.
- Registration for training is completed during your Intake meetings.

Homestudy 4

- It captures who you are, identifies your strengths and shows the State that you have the skills and talents needed to parent a child.
- Your Homestudy is begun at the same time as training.
- The Homestudy is your family's advocacy tool.

Approval 5

- When your Foster Homestudy is complete, it is submitted to DCS/OLR for approval. Once approved, you are a LICENSED foster family.
- When your Adoption Homestudy is complete, it is submitted to the court for approval. Once approved, you are CERTIFIED adoptive family.



 Based on the age, gender, ethnicity and level of needs you are open to in a child, your Family
 Specialist will work with the state to find a child that your family is right for.



- Your family placement preferences will impact the time it takes for a placement to be made.
- Once adoptive families have been matched with a child, they will meet the child and enjoy time together during a transition period (usually 2 weeks 2 months). When every one feels comfortable, the child will move into their new home.
- During the post-placement period, AASK will provide support & advocacy services.

Finalization (Adoption) 8

 Adoption is complete upon the finalization hearing in the court (usually 9-12 months after placement). This is a special day...now your family is official!



 We know that hard work truly begins the day your adoptive or foster child moves into your home. AASK provides a variety of services to help support and nurture your family.