

# Babysitters 4 Families



**Psalm 8:2** “Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies”

## Overview

**We are so excited that you have chosen to support a foster family by donating your time and becoming an approved babysitter. We can't tell you how important this is to help sustain marriages and retain foster homes for these precious children. Please remember once you are approved you can babysit for any family in our agency. Here are the requirements for an individual to become an approved babysitter:**

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Complete a F4F Volunteer Application
- Sign Privacy\Confidentiality Policy
- Valid Driver's License & Car Insurance
- 1 Reference
- Sign disciplinary agreement
- CPR\First Aid Certification (not required, but recommended)
- Background Check
- We would like for you to try to commit to partnering with at least 1 foster family and commit to giving them at least 1 date night a month where they can reconnect as a couple.

**When complete, email this form to The Church of Joy  
officecoj@gmail.com**



## Families 4 Families Volunteer Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

### **Volunteer Assignment Preferences**

*Please Check All That Are Applicable:*

Mentor Family \_\_\_ Babysitter \_\_\_ Clothes Closet \_\_\_

Tutoring \_\_\_ Diaper Drives \_\_\_ Meals \_\_\_

Are you at least 18 years old?     Yes     No

Do you have a valid Georgia Driver's License?     Yes     No    Car Insurance?     Yes     No

Have you been convicted of any laws, traffic or otherwise?     Yes     No

Will you commit to attending 1 hour of Volunteer Training and an in-person interview?     Yes     No

**Please list three persons we may call who are NOT family, one of whom should be a pastor or church leader.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby give my consent to contact my references and to conduct a background check.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Statement of Faith**

*Families4Families Adheres to the Statement of Faith of the National Association of Evangelicals*

1. I believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. I believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. I believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. I believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. I believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. I believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. I believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Position on Morality**

In the best interest of children regarding morality and role modeling, there are additional principles to which Families4Families Foster Care subscribes to uphold ethical conduct. We believe this provides the foundation for the values which to communicate to the children and young people entrusted to our care.

1. I believe that term “marriage” has only one meaning and that marriage is sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union;
2. I believe that any form of sexual immorality is wrong;
3. I believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church.

I understand that I am called to serve within Families4Families Foster Care. I agree with and commit myself to upholding the above tenants of faith and morality in all work and relationships connected with my employment or volunteer efforts.

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Volunteer Signature

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Date

## Discipline Policy Agreement

As an agency licensed by the state of Georgia to approve families in the placement of children, Families4Families Foster Care is bound by the rules delegated by the Georgia Residential Child Care Licensing Services regarding all aspects of a child's care, including discipline. These rules are based on the belief that age-related discipline is best and that most children in the child welfare system react negatively to the use of physical force. The following methods of discipline are prohibited by the Georgia Residential Child Care Licensing Services and Families4Families Foster Care and as such are not allowed to be used by families:

- 1) Assignment of excessive or unreasonable work tasks that are not related to the child's misbehavior;
- 2) Denial of meals and/or hydration;
- 3) Denial of sleep;
- 4) Denial of shelter, clothing, or essential personal needs;
- 5) Denial of essential services;
- 6) Verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation;
- 7) Chemical or mechanical restraints;
- 8) Denial of communication and visits with family unless restricted by case plan or court order;
- 9) Corporal punishment: using physical force or inflicting any kind of punishment on the body, including spanking, hitting, and/or smacking;
- 10) Confining a child in a room or area which may reasonably be expected to cause physical or emotional discomfort to the child;
- 11) Confinement of a child to a room or area for periods longer than those appropriate for the child's age, intelligence, emotional makeup, or previous experiences, or confinement to a room or area without the supervision or monitoring necessary to ensure the child's safety and well-being;
- 12) Children shall not be permitted to discipline other children.

Families4Families Foster Care will be bound to remove a child from the foster family's care, or, depending upon the action, file a report/referral to the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) and the Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) for further investigation in the event of any form discipline that could be abusive to the child.

*I have received and read and I understand the Discipline Policy. I have had an opportunity to discuss the policy with agency staff and to ask any questions I might have. I agree to comply with this policy while Families4Families children are placed in my home. I acknowledge that I am also responsible for the disciplinary methods used when others supervise the children in my absence.*

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Babysitter\Volunteer Signature

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Date



### **Privacy/Confidentiality Policy**

As a foster parent or volunteer of Families4Families Foster Care I understand that ALL information is to remain private and confidential and must not be discussed with anyone except those approved by the Families4Families Director. ALL information includes health, school, behaviors, psychological, family, financial, and any other information pertaining to any child who is in care or has been in care. Anyone who provides such information to anyone not approved may lose their privilege of fostering or volunteering with Families4Families children.

I understand and agree to this Privacy/Confidentiality Policy.

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Foster Father Signature

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Date

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Foster Mother Signature

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Date