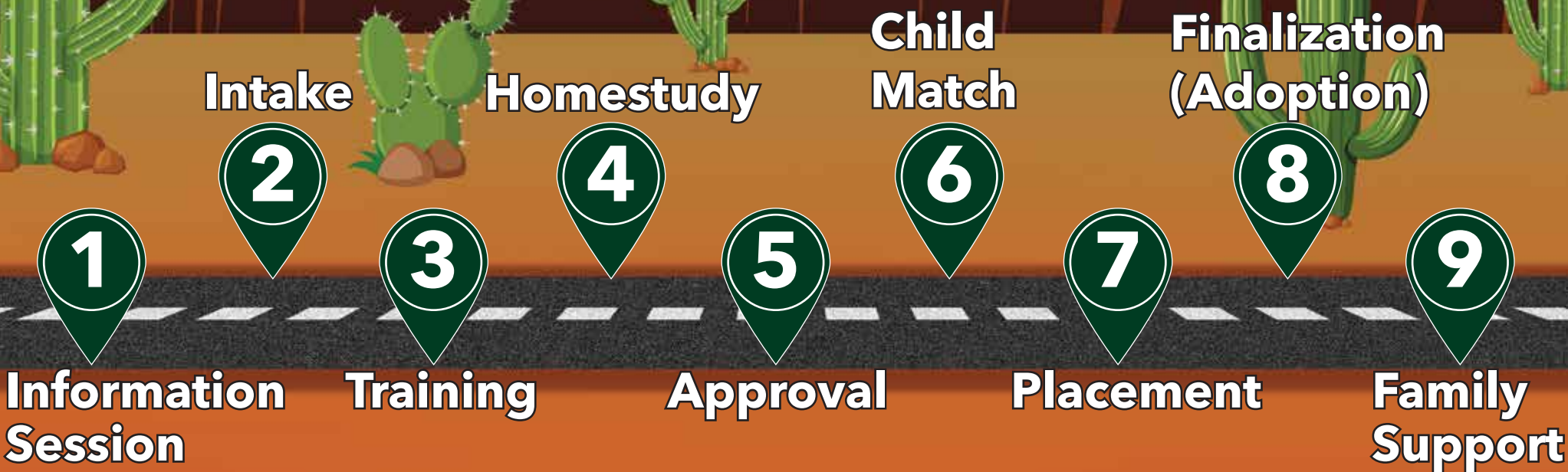


The Adoption & Foster Care Process Road Map

Road to Building Successful Relationships!



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Information Session



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

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Intake



- 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.

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Training

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- 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.

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Homestudy

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- 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.

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Approval

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- 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.

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Child Match



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- 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.

Placement



- 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.

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Finalization (Adoption)

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- 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!

Family Support

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- 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.