



Foster Family Babysitter Training Overview

We are glad you are interested in supporting Permian Basin foster parents through babysitting. It is incredibly valuable to our fostering community.

The Attic Foster Network, High Sky Children's Ranch and Buckner Child and Family Services of Midland are excited to collaborate with volunteers at Mid-Cities Community Church to train babysitters for area foster families. Babysitters trained through this collaborative can babysit in the High Sky or Buckner licensed foster home with the following conditions:

- Only trained and approved babysitters can watch the child. A child or unapproved adult cannot accompany the babysitter.
- Babysitting must be 12 hours or less and cannot be overnight.
- Babysitters can only watch foster children that are classified as needing a Basic or Moderate level of care.
- Foster parents must make their agency aware anytime a babysitter is being used.
- A babysitter cannot watch a child more than twice a month. If a babysitter wishes to care for a foster family's children more than twice a month, he or she will have to register with the agency as a "Frequent Visitor". Usually only requires a phone call.

While it may sound like a lot of restrictions are placed on the babysitter, there are two things we would like you to keep in mind. First, **it is worth it!** Second, once you have completed this training and are approved to babysit, it does not take much more to become a frequent visitor, which allows you to serve a family in a greater way.

Once you have registered for the training, there are three rounds to the training.

Round 1 – The Paperwork

Round 2 – Online Training

Round 3 – In Class Training

Round 1 can be done immediately and mostly from your phone.

- Snap a picture of the following and email it in
 - Driver's License
 - Social Security Card (agency's secured server)
 - Copy of Car Insurance
- Print, fill-out and send in the Background Check Request for and Background Check Consent Form
- Get your fingerprints taken – you will schedule a 15-minute appointment and will have to pay \$38. Keep the receipt because The Attic will reimburse you.

Round 2 can be done in the comfort of your own home on a computer or on your phone. You will need to do four online trainings then send your certificate to The Attic's representative. The trainings are:

- Trauma Informed Care
- Recognizing Abuse and Neglect
- Recognizing and Reporting Sexual Abuse and Neglect
- Psychotropic Medication Training

Round 3 will be in person training typically done on a Saturday 8am-2pm (Breakfast and Lunch included). Training will consist of approved CPR training, CPS Overview, Babysitting Procedures, Empowered to Connect Children's Ministry Training, and Car Seat Training.