## **Assessment**

The assessment process usually begins with a series of home visits to you and your family. You will be asked to complete a Disclosure Scotland form and undertake a medical. We will also ask your permission to undertake local authority checks which can include checking with your children's school or information systems. This may sound very intrusive but we need to make sure you are the right people for fostering.

During the course of the assessment you will also need to attend a preparation group which is run by the family placement team. The groups are designed to allow you the opportunity to gain new skills and knowledge, meeting existing carers and discuss any hopes or worries you may have.

## **Approval**

Once your assessment is complete a recommendation will be made to the Fostering & Permanence panel regarding your approval. You will be asked to attend meetings along with your assessing worker. The panel will make a recommendation to the agency decision maker and following this you will be approved.

## **Support and Training**

Following approval you will be allocated a supervising social worker. Their role will be to offer you ongoing support.

A training plan will also be in place.