

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BOARD CHILDREN

**COMPLETE AND RETURN
THIS APPLICATION TO:**

**BAKER VICTORY SERVICES
790 RIDGE ROAD
LACKAWANNA, NEW YORK 14218
Attention: Rachael Dudczak, LMHT**

PLEASE NOTE: ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED (PLEASE PRINT).

1. APPLICANT :#1

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Social Security Number _____

APPLICANT #2

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Social Security Number: _____

2 Address: _____

Zip _____ County _____

Telephone

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

Emergency Phone # _____

4. List all persons living in your home

NAME	DOB	SEX	RELATION	RACE	OCCUPATION

5. Children of applicants living outside of home: _____

Name	DOB	SEX	Reason for Living Outside Home

6. Marital Status:

_____ Married and living Spouse _____ Widowed
_____ Separated _____ Divorced _____ Single

7. Employment/Income Information (Please complete Financial Form).

A. Applicant #1 Place of employment: _____

Type of work _____

Annual Income _____ Length of Employment _____

B. Applicant #2 Place of employment: _____

Type of work _____

Annual Income _____ Length of Employment _____

C. Amount of additional family income and source: _____

8. Describe, briefly, the home in which you live. Indicate the number of bedrooms.

9. Family Physician (Name and Address)

10. Are you willing to have a physical examination and have your physician fill out written reports on the forms provided in addition to a written statement about the general health of other family members and other persons living in your home?

_____ YES _____ NO

11. List any health concerns for you or any members of your family.

12. Have you ever applied or received a certification to provide Foster Care from any Agency?

13. Have you ever taken children to board/live in your home? _____
If so, give details.

14. Have you or any member of your family/household ever been reported for child abuse/neglect in New York State or any other state? () Yes () No.
If yes, Please Describe:

Resource Family Care At Baker Victory Services

Baker Victory Services (BVS) is a non-profit charitable organization located in Lackawanna, N.Y., which provides a wide range of services to children, youth, and families in need. Each year, more than 3,500 children and families of every race, color, and religion receive care from approximately 800 full- and part-time staff members in a number of fields including: educational, residential, outpatient, adoption (both international and domestic), foster care, and even dental services.

An affiliate of Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, Baker Victory Services is the evolution of the social programs begun in the late 1800s by Father Nelson Henry Baker.

BVS is an active, caring community, striving to strengthen individuals & families.

We value diversity, perseverance, and working together to improve the quality of life and to create hope for the future.

When children become separated from their families, they may enter into foster care. The foster care agency works with all parties involved to establish and maintain the best placement for the child. Baker Victory Services, birth families, and resource families must work together in partnership to ensure that this goal is achieved. In addition to this team are teachers, doctors, and other professionals that all work together for the benefit of the foster child.

Baker Victory Services likes to provide each child in care with a homelike setting, which we call a resource family. The term resource family reflects that family's involvement in being a resource for the children and families in need. As a resource, this family may care for children for short-term, long-term and possibly offer a permanent home to the child in the future. Being a resource family means your home is willing and able to meet the child's everyday needs.

Foster care is the temporary care of children until they can be returned to their families. In fact, the goal of foster care is reunification of the birth parents with the children in care. In some cases, the child cannot return to their birth parents and will eventually become adopted. It is important to note that every child is different, they all come from different backgrounds, have different needs and will all have a different experience in foster care.

To become a certified resource parent with Baker Victory Services, you must complete an intensive training course that prepares your family for the benefits and challenges of caring for a foster child. It is advised that you make an informed decision about this commitment. After the training is complete, the Foster Care Home Finder visits your home and conducts a "home study" an inclusive interview with you and your family members.

Pre-certification training begins with an orientation meeting. This is an informal question and answer where our agency can begin to develop a relationship with you as resource families. Additional requirements to become a certified resource family will be discussed at this time. An orientation meeting can be arranged by contacting the Foster Care Department.

Our agency seeks to develop a trusting and open relationship with our resource families. Without you many children would not have a loving, nurturing place to call home.

Some of the most important skills a resource parent must have are:

- ✓ The ability to encourage a child and have realistic expectations about what a child can achieve;
- ✓ The ability to set, be consistent with and enforce firm boundaries without physical punishment;
- ✓ To be a team member and have good communication skills with the child and other team members. (Baker Victory Services, birth parents, other professionals involved);
- ✓ To be able to support the birth parent/child relationship and
- ✓ To be able to determine whether or not resource parenting is right for you and for the members of your family.

There are many different children in foster care within Baker Victory Services. Each one is an individual and is entitled to a respectful and loving environment. The age ranges of children in foster care vary but we often have a greater need to find homes for teenagers, sibling groups and medically fragile infants. These children need special guidance, patience and consistency as well as support and encouragement. Baker Victory Services tries to maintain the “best fit” procedure when placing foster children. Pre-certification, the home study and other requirements will help determine what children will successfully thrive in your home.

Thank you for expressing interest in becoming a resource parent. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Rachael Dudczak or Halli Lavner in our Foster Care Department. Remember, our agency is always looking for families that want to make a positive difference in the lives of children by becoming resource families. If you know someone who is considering becoming a resource parent, tell him or her to give us a call. We would be happy to provide that family with information regarding our program.

Foster Care Department
Baker Victory Services
Rachael Dudczak – 828-9553 Halli Lavner 828-9497

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Having considered the purpose of Foster Home Care as offered by Baker Victory Services, I/we would like to make application for a certificate to board children.

Signature of foster parent

Signature of foster parent

Date