



FAMILY BEACON APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Thank you for considering volunteering with Family Beacon! There are multiple ways for you to volunteer to help prevent child abuse and neglect in our communities through Family Beacon, and in order to get started, please review the checklist below regarding the process to be verified, trained and approved as a Family Beacon Volunteer.

First, consider which volunteer role(s) suits you and your capacity to serve at-risk children and families the best. You will designate which role(s) you want to apply for on your application.

- **Beacon Homes** give of their families and homes to children in need of a safe place to stay (typically 2 weeks - 3 months) until they can be reunified with their parents.
- **Home Coaches** provide support and encouragement to **Beacon Homes** ensuring children are safe, their needs are met, and **Beacon Homes** are sustained.
- **Client Coaches** provide case management and support services to **Client Families** (birth parents) to help them reach the point of reuniting their family.

Next, follow the checklist below until you are approved to begin volunteering for Family Beacon.

- Obtain and complete the *Family Beacon Volunteer Application* (available as hardcopy or online at embracetexas.org/what-we-do/family-beacon/).
- Obtain and share three *Family Beacon Reference Forms* for your provided references (available as hardcopy or online at embracetexas.org/what-we-do/family-beacon/).
- Submit a copy of your valid drivers license, and a copy of your current auto insurance per driver who will transport children in the care of **Family Beacon** volunteers.
- Upon receipt of the previous items, complete a background check through *Verified Volunteers* (you will receive an email to provide your personal information through a secure online system from our staff).
- Obtain and complete the *Family Beacon Volunteer Assessment* (available as hardcopy or online at embracetexas.org/what-we-do/family-beacon/).
- Complete and receive an approved home study from **Family Beacon** (for **Beacon Homes** only).
- Attend and complete the *Family Beacon Volunteer Training* and subsequent forms regarding policies on:
 - Corporal Punishment
 - Confidentiality
 - Statement of Faith
 - Waiver of Liability

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tiffany Porter, Family Beacon Coordinator (tporter@embracetexas.org).