



Volunteering with Safe Families is a unique experience where you have the opportunity to empower, encourage, and strengthen isolated and struggling families through mutually beneficial relationships. Volunteers must be compassionate, caring individuals and at least 23 years old. Our approval process is thorough so that we can confidently match our families with safe and reliable volunteers.

## Approval Steps

Step 1: Attend an info session. Dates/registration: <http://nycsafefamilies.eventbrite.com>. Or attend an info session or home gathering at your church.

Step 2: Fill out an online application and provide 3 references (1 pastoral and 2 personal/professional): <https://newyorkcity.safe-families.org/volunteer-application/>. Select "New York City, NY" as the region in the drop down menu.

Step 3: Schedule a brief 15 minute phone interview with our Volunteer Mobilization Coordinator, Tia Richards: [nyc@safefamilies.net](mailto:nyc@safefamilies.net).

Step 4: Complete background screening, which includes (instructions will be given):

1. Statewide Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect
2. NYC Go Pass (includes FBI and NY State fingerprints) - \$60 fee (reimbursable)

Step 5: Watch the online volunteer training (2 ½ hours).

Once approved, volunteers will receive a list of current families looking for support and can request to be matched with a family.

For any questions on the approval process, please contact Tia Richards at [nyc@safefamilies.net](mailto:nyc@safefamilies.net) or (917)952-0401.