Steps to Becoming a Community Co-Sponsor

**Formation Phase**
1) Read the materials on the [IRIS Co-Sponsorship web page](#).
2) Attend an IRIS Co-Sponsorship Orientation.
3) Organize a [Community Co-Sponsorship group](#).
   - Two key elements to have in place:
     - Identify a coordinator who will serve as a single point of contact with IRIS.
     - Identify a fiduciary to hold & disburse co-sponsorship funds.

**Fundraising, Training & Application Phase**
4) Fundraise
5) Attend IRIS Co-sponsorship training (6 hour course, via Zoom).
6) Identify a lease co-signer and provider of volunteer insurance.
7) Submit the [Co-sponsorship application](#).
8) Complete background checks for all volunteers through Sterling Volunteers.

**Greenlight & Family Placement Phase**
9) Make final preparations.
10) Submit [Greenlight Form](#)
11) Wait for IRIS to contact you regarding a family placement (48 hours or 2+ months!).