

## **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!).