

Licensing Home Study – Part III

Foster Home Name: _____

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Family Life

1. What is your current relationship status? *(If single, skip questions 1-8, and go to question 9)*

2. If you are married, indicate the date and place of your marriage, how did you meet? When did you meet?

3. Describe the strengths of your relationship.

4. Describe the weaknesses of your relationship.

5. Describe the common interests in the relationship.

6. What are the roles and division of labor in the relationship?

7. Describe the decision making process.

8. Describe how disagreements handled.

9. What are your family goals and values?

10. What activities does your family enjoy doing together?

11. Describe what role, if any, religion or spirituality has in the family. If the family does attend formal religious or spiritual instruction or services, indicate where and the frequency.

12. Describe any challenges or stressors the family has experienced.

13. If the family has ever used outside resources (therapy, guidance) for help in dealing with family problems, explain.

14. If outside therapy services have been used, what is the name and address of the therapist/counselor?

15. Has the family experienced any losses (such as infertility) and how have they dealt with it?

16. Describe the impact that fostering children will have on each family member.

17. Any individuals other than your children currently living with in your house? If so, who?

Children

1. List all children, living out of the home. For each child, indicate name, birth date, race, phone number, and where they live.

Name (First, Last)	Date of Birth	Race	Phone number	City/State

2. Any plans for the child to be in daycare? If so, where?

3. Describe the routine day care for the child.

4. Who will be the alternate care provider(s)?

5. Describe your parenting skills (Parenting values and attitudes toward children).

6. What do you think are the most important things for parents to do?

7. What things do you do the same and differently from how you were parented?

8. What is your knowledge of child development?

Infant Care

9. Do you have a Crib? *Yes or No*

10. What other equipment do you have? What safety measures do you have in place?

Behavior Management

11. What kinds of behaviors require parental intervention? Describe what type of intervention you would use with each example.

12. How will you be supportive and nurture the children?

13. Describe the methods of discipline you use or would use with a foster child.

14. What is your understanding of positive and negative behavioral reinforcements?

15. What is your understanding of the agency’s discipline policy and explain any concerns you have with it?

Type of Children

**16. Are you willing to parent other races and cultures outside of your own? *Yes or No*
If not, please explain why.**

17. Type of Children:

Gender	Age range	Race(s)	Ethnic background(s)	Characteristics preferred

18. Are there any characteristics that you absolutely can’t handle? Explain why.

Motivation

19. Explain your motivation for wanting to foster. (include infertility)

20. Describe each member's attitude towards accepting a relative/foster/adoptive child.

21. Describe any previous experience in providing foster care or child/adult day care.

22. List any previous foster/day care licenses, (include time span) including if you applied for but were denied.

23. Describe any previous adoptive evaluations or placements.

Family Attitudes

24. How willing are you to work with a foster child's birth parent(s) to help them towards reunification?

25. How will you discuss legal parents with and around foster/adoptive children?

26. What are your attitudes towards the birth parents in general?

27. How will you discuss the foster child's birth parents and the reason they entered care?

28. Explain your understanding of permanency planning with foster children.

29. What types of training do you feel you could benefit from?

30. Would you consider adopting a child you are fostering?

31. What will be your involvement with the foster children?
