

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOSTER PARENT

### CONFIDENTIAL

Each applicant completes this form individually for the initial application. Your licensing worker is available to assist in completing the form.

#### A. EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING 7AAC 50.030, .200, .210 & 250

1. Please list your work experience, education or training, including your current job, and/or subsistence activities.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How has the above listed experiences prepared you for being a foster parent and/or for working with children with special needs?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Foster parents are required to have a specific amount of training hours annually. Are you willing to complete training as required?  Yes  No

#### B. FAMILY BACKGROUND 7AAC 50.030, .200, .210 & .435

1. Describe the family who raised you and what important values you learned from them.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe the methods of discipline used by the people who raised you through childhood, adolescence, and as you transitioned to adult responsibilities.

3. Are you raising your children the same way you were raised?  
If different, how?

Yes  No

**C. PERSONAL HISTORY** 7AAC 50.030, .200, .210 & .435

1. Please describe your individual and family talents, leisure activities and hobbies.

2. Please list and describe any community, cultural, religious affiliations, practices, or activities your family engages in.

3. Do you currently have any health or mental health conditions that might interfere with your ability to care for children? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

4. Describe how much and how often you use alcohol and/or drugs (prescribed or not).

**D. PRESENT MARITAL STATUS/RELATIONSHIP** 7AAC 50.030, .200 & .210

1. Are you currently married or in a relationship?  Yes  No

2. What qualities do you see as most important in your partner?

3. How do you manage or settle disagreements with your partner and/or others?

4. Have you had prior marriages or long-term relationships?  Yes  No

If there were children in your previous marriage(s) or relationship(s), describe your current relationship with the children. In what ways have you maintained contact/support with them?

5. If you are single, please describe how you will manage your dating relationships when children are placed in your care.

**E. CURRENT FAMILY 7AAC 50.030, .200, .210, .300 & .430**

1. Please tell us about the children in your household (i.e., names, ages, personalities, favorite activities, etc.).

2. Have you talked to the children in your household about receiving a foster child in your home?  Yes  No

What do they say/feel about other children sharing your attention and living in their home?

**F. PARENTING 7AAC 50.030, .200, .210 & .435**

1. How do you address temper tantrums at differing stages of development (infant/toddler, 0-3; child, 4-9; youth, 10-12; and teen, 13-18)?

2. How is good behavior rewarded at your home for the differing developmental stages?

- 3. What are your primary methods of discipline for children at differing developmental stages?
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4. The foster care regulations do not allow using corporal (physical) punishment, such as spanking, hitting, flicking or slapping foster children. Will this be a problem for you? If yes, how?  Yes  No
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5. If you utilize corporal punishment on your own children how will you handle this if a foster child is placed in your home that has been physically abused or witnessed domestic violence?
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6. Describe the techniques you use to help children change inappropriate behaviors to acceptable behaviors? Will you use the same techniques for children in care?

7. Describe how you teach children responsibility? Will you use the same method with children in care?

8. Please describe how you will involve a foster child in social activities with your extended family and friends.

9. Describe a situation where you may need respite when a child is placed in your home and what your plan is?

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Signature

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Date