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My Family Now – About Family Relationships

(The following information should be filled out together by all the adults in the family)

1. How do you think having a child in your home will change you and/or your family's lifestyle?

2. In your current family structure, what are ways you show the following emotions? For single individuals please also list the people in your life now who would be most likely to know if you were feeling:

A. Happiness _____

B. Love/Affection _____

C. Anger _____

D. Disappointment _____

E. Frustration _____

F. Sadness/Depression _____

G. Stress _____

3. How are decisions made in your family?

4. For couples what causes the most arguments, and how are arguments ended?

Family Profile Part II

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Family Profile: Part II (continued)

5. How is work in your family divided up, and what happens when someone doesn't want to do their part?

6. If you have children now in your home? (If no children in home, skip to question 7)

A. Who takes care of your child(ren) when you are not at home? _

B. How will this plan change after a child is placed in your home?

C. If you and/or partner had a serious illness or injury, or you died, what arrangements have you made for the care of your birth child(ren), children you are fostering or adopting? Are these plans in the form of a written or verbal agreement?

7. If you or your family had some kind of financial, emotional, or health problem whom could you or do you turn to for help?

8. What reaction does this person have to your desire to become a foster family or adoptive family?

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Family Profile: Part II (continued)

9. How do you think becoming a foster family or adoptive family will affect the following situations:

A. The amount of free time you have or the amount of time you and your partner have alone together?

C. The amount of time you have with the children already in your home?_

D. The ways chores are divided in your household?

E. The condition of your home?

F. The way you or your family members express feelings of anger, disappointment, stress, and sadness/depression

G. The amount of money you have?

H. Your relationship with your friends? _

10. What do you think will be the most positive change foster care or adoption will have on you, your relationship with your partner or your family?

14. How difficult would it be for you to help a child continue in a religion other than your own?
What if the child has no formal religious experience?

15. Our agency tries to place children with families who can best meet the needs of the child. We match your strengths and descriptions of the type of child you can best parent with the children who need placements. Please describe the child that you feel would best fit into your family. Be as specific as possible. Consider the following in responding to this question:

What would the child look like?

16. Would the child you described be accepted by your relatives, friends and neighbors?
Why or why not?

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Family Profile: Part II (continued)

How would you help the child fit into your family while feeling good about who he or she is?

What are your experiences with people who are different from you or your family? What experiences have you had with other cultures?

17. How can you help a child maintain connections with a culture that is different from your own?

For single parents:

1. How long have you been a single parent? _____
2. What were the circumstances that caused you to be a single parent?

3. Who are the important adults/role models in your child(ren)'s lives in addition to you?

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Family Profile: Part II (continued)

My Family – About The Home And Community

1. Imagine that we are going to describe your home and neighborhood to a child we are going to place with you, or to the parents of that child. How would you like for us to describe your home and community?

2. Every family has rules (for example: no swearing, no walking around the house barefoot). Regarding the rules in your home:

A. What rules can sometimes be broken?

B. What rules can never be broken?

3. Describe any pets you have. Please give the type of pet, name, and how long the pet has been in your family.
4. If a child placed with you were afraid of your pet(s), or became allergic to the pet, what would you do?
5. How do you handle privacy and nudity in your home?

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Family Profile: Part II (continued)

6. What is your relationship with your neighbors?

7. Have you mentioned your interest in becoming a foster or adoptive parent to your neighbors?

Yes No

If yes, how do your neighbors feel about your becoming a foster family or adoptive family?

8. Who are the people who most regularly visit your home or whose homes you regularly visit?

9. How have these people reacted to your desire to become a foster or adoptive family?

10. Type of home (check one):

Apartment Duplex Single-Family House

Mobile Home Other _____

11. How long have you lived in your present home? _____

12. Please draw a floor plan of your home and identify the room where a new child would sleep. (This floor plan may be used by a child welfare worker to help the child get ready to move into your home.)

13. Is your house free of lead paint? Yes No

Comments:

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Family Profile: Part II (continued)

14. Where are smoke alarms located? _____

15. Do you have private well water? Yes No

If yes, how often is it tested? _____

16. How do you get to the following places?

A. Grocery store _____

B. Doctors' offices _____

C. Hospital _____

D. Department Store _____

E. Place of worship _____

17. Do you have a car seat for infants and toddlers? Yes No

If you do not have one and you are interested in fostering or adopting infants and toddlers, how will you arrange to have and use one for them?

18. How many children can your car hold? _____

19. What are the ways in which a new child placed in your home might cause some challenges or concerns in keeping your home and housekeeping standards?

20. Have you discussed your desire to foster or adopt with close relatives?

Yes No

If yes, how did they react? If no, what are your plans?_