

Personal Profile Prospective Foster or Adoptive Parent

Personal Profile My Family History

(To be completed individually by the prospective foster or adoptive parent)

Name of person completing this section: _____

1. Who were all the people who lived with you (birth date and relationship) when you were between the ages of:

A. Birth through five years old:

Name	Birth Date	Relationship	Name	Birth Date	Relationship

B. Six through eleven, if different:

Name	Birth Date	Relationship	Name	Birth Date	Relationship

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C. Twelve through fifteen, if different:

Name	Birth Date	Relationship	Name	Birth Date	Relationship

D. Sixteen until you left home, if different:

Name	Birth Date	Relationship	Name	Birth Date	Relationship

2. Was there anyone not in your home or immediate family with whom you were especially close, and why?

3. Of all the people you listed in Questions 1 and 2, where are these people now and how often are you in contact with them? (use extra paper if needed)

4. Of all the people listed above, to whom were you the closest and why?

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5. What ages of your childhood did you like most, and why?

6. What ages of your childhood did you not like, and why?

7. With whom did you have the most difficulty getting along, and why?

8. When you were growing up, what were ways for members of your family to show the following feelings:

A. Happiness _____

B. Love/Affection _____

C. Anger _____

D. Disappointment _____

E. Frustration _____

F. Sadness/Depression _____

G. Stress _____

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9. Compared to other families you have known, both as a child and as an adult, would you say your family was happier or less happy than most families?

10. What family traditions with which you grew up do you still keep today, and why? Are there new traditions, and why?

11. Are there family traditions with which you grew up that you do not keep, and why?

12. Think back to the time when you left home to be on your own

A. How old were you? _____

B. Why did you leave?

C. How did you and your family feel about your leaving?

13. If you have been previously married or lived together in an intimate relationship, please complete questions 13-16. If not, go to question 18.

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	Marriage or Relationship #1	Marriage or Relationship #2
Name of Spouse or Significant Person		
Date of Marriage or Beginning of Relationship		
Place of Marriage		
Reason Marriage or Relationship Ended (e.g., divorce, death)		
Date Marriage or Relationship Ended		

List other marriages or significant relationships here:

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14. Please list any children you have, from previous marriages or relationships, who do not currently live with you.

Name	Date of Birth	Where they live, with whom	Relationship to you (birth child, stepchild, adopted, not legally related)

15. What contact do you have with the persons listed in Questions 13 and 14? How do they feel about your desire to become a foster parent or adoptive parent?

16. Identify your emotions about the ending of your marriage(s). Describe how you handled those emotions.

17. If you have remarried, or entered into a new relationship with someone other than your children's father/mother, how did your children adjust to the new person?

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18. How did you meet your spouse or the person with whom you are living?

19. How long have you:

A. Known each other? _____

B. Been married or coupled? _____

C. Been living together? _____

20. What do you think was the main reason you married or entered into a relationship with this person and the main reason you have stayed together?

21. What do you like most about your spouse or partner? What do you think your spouse or partner likes most about you?

22. What would you most like to change about your spouse or partner? What do you think your spouse or partner would like to have you change?

23. What do you most like about being married and/or committed to someone?
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24. What do you least like about being married and/or committed to someone?

25. What would make you want to consider a divorce or an ending of the relationship?

26. How much time during the week do you and your spouse or partner have alone together, and do you think this is enough time?

27. What was the biggest disappointment or loss you have had in your life and how did you cope with it?

Who is aware of this loss? _____

28. How and by whom were you disciplined

A. as a child under the age of six?

B. as a child when you were between six and twelve?

C. as a child when you were as an adolescent? _

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My School and Work History

1. How many grades did you complete in school (junior high, high school, college, graduate school)?

2. If you did not complete high school, what were the reasons?

3. If you have attended college, what was your field of study and what degree did you receive?

4. What kinds of school experiences did you like most (for example, what subjects, what activities)? Please explain.

5. What parts of school were most difficult for you (what classes, what activities)? Please explain.

6. How important will grades and school performance be for the child placed in your home?

7. What are your school expectations for a child placed in your home?

8. How do these expectations differ from those you have of your own children?

9. Since leaving school, please list (from first to current job).

Places You Have Worked	Job Title	Length of Stay	Reason for leaving

10. Of all the jobs listed, which did you like best and why?

11. Of all the jobs listed, which did you like least and why?

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12. If you are currently employed, please describe your job?

A. What do you do at work?

B. How long would you like to keep this job? What are your plans to look for another job within the next few years?

C. How do you think becoming a foster parent or an adoptive parent might affect your work?

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**My Interests in and Expectations
of Foster Parenting or Adopting**

1. What made you think about becoming a foster or adoptive parent at this time?

2. Have you ever been in foster care? _____ Were you adopted? _____

Do you know anyone who has been in foster care or adopted? _____

If yes to any of these questions, please explain:

3. If yes, how did your own experience or contact with these people affect your interest in foster care or adoption?

4. What do you believe to be the major differences between foster care and adoption?

5. If you are interested in only foster care, what helped you decide to provide only foster care?

6. If you are interested in possibly adopting through the foster care program, what are your concerns?

7. If you are interested in only adopting, why do you prefer to adopt rather than foster?

8. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, under what circumstance (if any) might you later consider adopting a child? _

9. If you are interested in becoming an adoptive parent, under what circumstance (if any) might you later want to foster?

10. Are you or have you experienced fertility issues? Yes No
If no, are you planning to have a child or children by birth in the future? Yes No

If yes to either question, please explain

11. As you think about becoming a foster or adoptive parent:

A. What do you think you will like most? _

B. What do you think you will like least?_

C. What do you think others in your family will like best and least about having a new child in your home?

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12. If you have parenting experience, what have you enjoyed most about being a parent?

13. What have you disliked most about being a parent?

14. What childhood ages do you or would you most enjoy parenting? _

15. What childhood ages do you or would you least enjoy parenting?

16. What forms of discipline do you find to be most effective?

17. Under what circumstances do you think it is OK to spank or physically discipline a child?

18. Please list any agencies which you have previously contacted to become a foster parent or adoptive parent.

Agency/location	Outcome of contact

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19. Imagine that today is the day you are going to meet the child or children who will be placed in your home. Please describe this child: age, sex, personality, appearance, family background, siblings, etc.?

20. Have you ever been a parent to someone else's child?