

## AM I READY TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

Circle "T" for true and "F" for false, for each statement below. This questionnaire will help you to determine if you are eligible to become a Foster Parent.

- 1. I have enough room in my home for a foster child?** **T/F**

You must have adequate bedroom space for a foster child. A foster child may share a bedroom with another child of the same sex but the child cannot share a bedroom with anyone over the age of 18 years old except in approved circumstances. You cannot move out of your bedroom and sleep on the sofa to make room for the child. The child must have his/her own bed. The room must have at least 75 sq. ft. for one child and an additional 55 sq. ft. for each additional child. However, some exceptions are possible.
- 2. I am ready to have a safety inspection of my home done now.** **T/F**

It is important that your home is safe and free of hazards. During the home study process, the Foster Care Staff will conduct a safety inspection of your home. You must have working smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher.
- 3. I am in good physical, emotional, and mental health.** **T/F**

Being a parent can sometimes be demanding. You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for foster children. Everyone in your home must provide a medical statement completed by a physician indicating they are free of communicable diseases. All household members will be interviewed by the Foster Care Staff.
- 4. I have never had a valid case with an agency due to abuse or neglect.** **T/F**

If you have had a valid Child Protection case, you may not be able to become a foster parent. This includes validated cases of abuse or neglect or if your own child has been placed in foster care. We will review our records as well as any other state where the applicant resided.
- 5. I have adequate income to meet my current family's needs.** **T/F**

You do not have to be rich to become a foster parent; however, you must have enough money to meet you own family's needs. During the home study process, you will be asked to provide proof of income and to review family expenses.
- 6. I am legally single or legally married.** **T/F**

Foster parents can be single, married, divorced or widowed.
- 7. No adult in my home has ever been convicted of a crime.** **T/F**

If you or any adult residing in the home has been convicted of certain criminal offenses, you cannot become a foster parent. Each adult member in your household over the age 18 will be fingerprinted. If you have specific questions regarding which crimes are prohibited, please call the Foster Care Staff.
- 8. I am ready to begin the home study process now.** **T/F**

You are ready to begin the home study process now if your life and home are stable. "Stable" means that you are not about to move and are not having financial, marital or emotional difficulties or making any major life changes in the near future.

**\*If you answered "TRUE" to all of the statements, you are ready to begin the process of becoming a foster parent!**

**\*If you answered "FALSE" to any statement, please discuss with the Foster Care Staff.**

**Call Emmy Stricker at 580-726-3383 for more information  
about becoming a foster parent.**