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|  | **Tennessee Department of Children’s Services**  **Profile of Parenting**  **Home Study Writer Checklist** |

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| **Foster Home Name:** |  | **Date Submitted for Approval:** |  |

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| **I.** | **Type of Foster Home:** | Traditional | Relative/Kinship | ICPC |

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| **II.** | **Foster Parent Information** |

Is demographic information complete for Applicant and Co-Applicant (if applicable), including detailed physical descriptions? Yes  No

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| **III.** | **Household Member Information \*No foster children should be listed in this section.\*** |

Is demographic information including physical description completed for:

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| Children |  | | | Yes | No |
| Other Adults | |  |  | Yes | No |

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| **IV.** | **Child Specific Information (if applicable)** |

Is demographic information complete for all children currently placed in the home as a kinship or ICPC placement, including information about the child’s relationship to the Applicant and Co-Applicant?

Yes  No  N/A

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| **V.** | **Is the following information provided about the Applicant/Co-Applicant in paragraph form?** | | | |
|  | | 1. **Motivation for Foster Parenting:** | |  | | |
|  | | | Reasoning for becoming a foster parent from their point of view | | |  |
|  | | | Assessment of their understanding of the foster to adopt process | | |  |

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|  | 1. **Pre-Service Training Experience:** | |  | |
|  | | Applicant/Co-Applicant’s experience in training | |  |
|  | | Dates and locations of pre-service classes, including instructor’s names | |  |
|  | | Strengths and/or needs identified in the pre-service assessment | |  |
|  | | Any waiver requested, approved, or denied | |  |

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|  | 1. **Home/Neighborhood:** | | |  | | |
|  | | Physical description of the home | | | |  |
|  | | Description of neighborhood, including crime rate, proximity to resources, and schools the home is zoned for | | | |  |
|  | | Plans for transportation (i.e., valid driver’s license, car registration, car seat availability, etc.) | | | |  |
|  | | Pets and documentation of current vaccinations | | | |  |
|  | | Relationship with neighbors | | | |  |
|  | | Results of the home safety checklist (fire extinguishers, smoke alarm, pool safety, medications locked, weapons stored properly, etc.) | | | |  |
|  | | Any waivers requested, approved, or denied | | | |  |
|  | | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #25, #49, #52 through #56 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3” in these areas) | | | |  |
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|  | 1. **Family History Information – Childhood and Adolescent History:** | | |
|  | | | **Applicant** | | **Co-Applicant** | |

**Relationship History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Relationship with parents and siblings during childhood |  |  |
|  | What their life was like as a child/as an adolescent |  |  |
|  | If parents are deceased, then dates and causes of death |  |  |

**Well-Being History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Any physical or mental health problems during childhood |  |  |
|  | Any drug/alcohol use |  |  |
|  | Traumatic incidents |  |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section; #45 and #46 (anything rated “0”, “2”, “3”, in these areas) |  |  |

**Legal/DCS History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Behavioral or delinquency concerns |  |  |
|  | History or abuse and/or neglect |  |  |
|  | Involvement with DCS or Court system |  |  |

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|  | 1. **Family History Information – Aduthood:** | |
|  | | **Applicant** | | **Co-Applicant** |

**Relationship History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Early dating and sexual experiences |  |  |
|  | Current and past marital relationships |  |  |
|  | Current relationships with parents and siblings |  |  |
|  | How they manage those relationships |  |  |
|  | Current or past relationships with all children and other adults in the home |  |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section; #29 and #30 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3 in these areas |  |  |

**Well-Being History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Any physical or mental health problems since adulthood |  |  |
|  | Any drug/alcohol use since adulthood |  |  |
|  | Trauma/domestic violence since adulthood |  |  |
|  | How these issues would affect being a foster parent |  |  |
|  | Summary of their medical report with a list of current medications and health conditions |  |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section; #39 through #44 and #56 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3 in these areas) |  |  |

**Legal/DCS History**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Past/current criminal convictions or charges/arrests |  |  |
|  | Results of background checks, including dates of completion |  |  |
|  | Any waiver requested, approved, or denied |  |  |

**Other Adults in the Home** N/A

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**Relationship History**

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|  | Current relationship with Applicant/Co-Applicant |  |  |  |
|  | Their potential interaction with foster children in the home |  |  |  |
|  | Their current relationship to birth/adopted children in the home |  |  |  |

**Well-Being History**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Physical problems, drug/alcohol use, emotional/mental health issues |  |  |  |
|  | Any services they currently receive for those issues |  |  |  |
|  | How these issues would affect the Applicant/Co-Applicant from becoming a foster parent |  |  |  |
|  | Summary of their medical report with a list of current medications and health conditions |  |  |  |

**Legal/DCS History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Past/current criminal convictions or charges/arrests |  |  |  |
|  | Results of background checks, including dates of completion |  |  |  |
|  | Any involvement with DCS |  |  |  |
|  | Any high-risk behaviors identified in POPS Tool, Section IX, #57 |  |  |  |
|  | Any waiver requested, approved, or denied |  |  |  |

**Children (Birth or Adopted)** N/A

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**Relationship History**

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|  | Current relationship with Applicant/Co-Applicant |  |  |  |
|  | Their current relationship with Other Adults in the home |  |  |  |

**Well-Being History**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Physical problems, drug/alcohol use, emotional/mental health issues |  |  |  |
|  | Any services they currently receive for those issues |  |  |  |
|  | How these issues would affect the Applicant/Co-Applicant from becoming a foster parent |  |  |  |
|  | Summary of their medical report with a list of current medications and health conditions |  |  |  |

**Legal/DCS History**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | History of abuse, neglect, or trauma |  |  |  |
|  | History of delinquency |  |  |  |
|  | Any involvement with DCS |  |  |  |
|  | Any high-risk behaviors identified in POPS Tool, Section IX, #57 |  |  |  |

**Children Outside of the Home** N/A  **1 2 3**

**Relationship History**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Current relationship with Applicant/Co-Applicant |  |  |  |
| Their current relationship with Other Adults in the home |  |  |  |

**Family Interaction**

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|  | Description and assessment about the interaction of the family unit |  |
|  | Time spent together or activities that the family does together |  |
|  | Hobbies, special interests, talents of each foster parent |  |

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|  | Any community groups the family is involved in and its impact on fostering/adopting |  |
|  | Analysis of Eco-Map |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #30 through #35 (anything rated “0”, “2”, “3” in these areas) |  |

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|  | 1. **Foster Parenting Capacity:** |

**Ability**

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|  | Type of children the applicant believes they can work with and why, from the applicants’ point of view |  |
|  | How foster parents collaborate with one another in making parenting decisions |  |
|  | Parenting style/child rearing practices and the effect it will have on their ability to foster children |  |
|  | Willingness to work/partner with birth parents, DCS, providers, etc. |  |
|  | Their understanding of their rights and responsibilities as foster parents |  |
|  | Summary of the Foster Parent Strengths/Needs Checklist |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #1 through #21, #24, #26 through #28, and #51 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3” in these areas) |  |

**Skills**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Primary and secondary language spoken in the home |  |
|  | Level of education for Applicant and Co-Applicant and how that can impact their ability to be foster parents |  |
|  | Previous fostering/adoption experience (if applicable) |  |
|  | Any specialized training by the foster parents |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #22 and #23 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3” in these areas) |  |

**Support for Foster Parents**

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|  | Family’s financial information from their Monthly Income and Expenditures form |  |
|  | Information about their employment (e.g. shifts, hours, etc.) |  |
|  | Level of impact their employment has on their ability to be a foster parent |  |
|  | Family and extended family’s support for their decision to foster or adopt |  |
|  | Any informal supports and alternate caregivers who have been identified |  |
|  | Their contingency plan |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #47 through #50 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3” in these areas) |  |

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|  | 1. **Character, Ethics and Values:** |

**Foster Family Character, Ethics and Values**

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|  | Willingness and ability of Applicant/Co-Applicant to parent a child with different values, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, political beliefs, etc. |  |
|  | Famliy’s description of their ethics and values |  |
|  | How the family solves problems |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #36 through #38 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3” in these areas) |  |

**References** – DO NOT INCLUDE REFERENCE NAMES

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|  | Summary of the responses from Applicant/Co-Applicant’s references while keeping confidentiality of the references intact |  |
|  | Strengths and/or concerns identified by the references |  |

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|  | 1. **Recommendations:** |

**Foster Family Character, Ethics and Values**

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|  | Number of children recommended to parent |  |
|  | Age range of children recommended to parent |  |
|  | Type of physical, emotional, behavioral and personality traits of the children the family will be successful at parenting |  |
|  | Results of POPS items that apply to this section: #52 (anything rated “0”, “2”, or “3” in these areas) |  |

Kinship and ICPC HomesN/A

In addition to the above:

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|  | Statement regarding the family’s capability to meet that specific child/youth’s needs |  |
|  | Name of the child for which the family is approved |  |
|  | Must state whether the foster home is certified eligible under DCS standards for federal IV-E financial assistance, including the period of eligibility |  |