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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:**
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|  | 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:**
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|  | 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:**
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|  | 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**

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|  | 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**

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|   | 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**

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|   | 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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|   | 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:**
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 **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:**
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 **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:**
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 **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 | [ ]  |