

## **AM I READY to Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent?**

This evaluation will help you determine if you are eligible. Circle “T” for true or “F” for false.

### **1. T/F I have enough room in my home for a Foster/Adoptive child.**

You must have adequate bedroom space for a foster/adoptive child. A foster/adoptive 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 or her own bed. The room must have at least 70 sq .ft. for one child in a room and at least 50 sq. ft. for each child sharing a room, up to four children. However, some exceptions are possible.

### **2. T/F I am prepared to have a safety inspection of my home done now.**

It is important that your home is safe and free of hazards. During the home our Resource Worker will conduct a safety inspection of your home. You must have working smoke detectors in sleeping areas and a fire extinguisher.

### **3. T/F I am in good physical, mental and emotional health.**

Being a parent can be demanding. You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for foster and adoptive children. Everyone in your home must provide a medial statement completed by a physician that indicates they are free of TB in a communicable form and have had a physical that has determined they are in good health.

### **4. T/F I have never had a founded case with an agency due to abuse or neglect.**

If you have had a founded Child Protection case, you may not be able to become a Foster or Adoptive Parent. This includes founded cases of abuse or neglect or if your own child was placed in foster care or adopted. We will review our records as well as records in any other state where the applicant(s) resided.

### **5. T/F I have adequate income to meet my own family’s needs.**

You do not have to be rich to become a Foster or Adoptive Parent; however, you must have enough income 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. T/F I am legally married or legally single.**

Foster and Adoptive Parents can be single, married, divorced or widowed.

### **7. T/F No adult in my home has ever been convicted of a crime.**

If you or any adult residing in your home has been convicted of certain criminal offenses or there are charges pending on them, you cannot become a Foster or Adoptive Parent. Each adult member of your

household 18 years or over will be fingerprinted. If you have specific questions regarding which crimes are prohibited, please call Nancy Brock of the Resource Development Team.

**8. T/F I am ready to begin the Home Study process now.**

You are ready to begin the home study process 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 above, you are ready to begin the process of becoming a Foster/Adoptive Parent!

**Call 664-3201** to register for a Foster/Adoptive Parent Information Session.

If you answered "**FALSE**" to any statement, please call 664-3201 to discuss your answers.