



"IMPROVING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN"
Family Unit Profile

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Interactions and Family Relationships

1 **How do members of your family express the following feelings?**

Happiness?

Love/Affection?

Anger?

Disappointment?

Frustration?

Sadness/Depression?

2 Both individually and as a group, what activities does your family enjoy?

3 How do members of your family deal with stress?

4 How are decisions usually made in your family? If an agreement cannot be reached, who makes the final decision?

5. What issues cause the most disagreements? _____

How are disagreements resolved? _____

6. How are chores in your family divided? _____

What happens when someone doesn't want to do his or her chores? _____

7. What plans have you made for the care of your children (including adopted children) in the event of your death, serious illness, or injury?

Are these plans specified in a written or verbal agreement? Yes No

8. If your family were in a crisis of some kind (financial, emotional, medical, etc.), to whom would you turn for help?

How does this person feel about your becoming a foster or adoptive parent?

FAMILY RULES

1. Every family has rules. In your home:
What are the general rules of the house?

What rules are you most willing to bend?

What rules are most serious when they were broken?

2. How are privacy and nudity handled in your home?

HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

1. How would you describe your home and neighborhood to the child who might be placed with you (or to the child's parents)?

2. How long have you lived in your residence? _____

3. Describe your relationship with your neighbors.

How do your neighbors feel about your becoming a foster or adoptive family?

4. Who regularly visits your home?

Whose homes do you visit regularly?

How do these people feel about your becoming a foster or adoptive parent?

5. Do you have pets? Yes No

If yes, please list each pet's name, and indicate what kind of animal it is and how long you have had it.
(NOTE: FPS requires foster families to document that each pet has received appropriate vaccinations within the last year.)

If a child placed with you were afraid of your pet or became allergic to it, what would you do?

FOSTERING OR ADOPTING INFLUENCES

1. How will becoming a foster or adoptive parent influence:

The amount of time you have alone, and with your partner?

The amount of time you have with the children already in your home?

The way chores are divided?

The amount of money you have?

The condition of your home?

Your relationships with members of your extended family (your parents, brothers, sisters, cousins, etc.)?

2. What will you like most about being a foster or adoptive parent?

3. What part(s) of foster or adoptive care might cause you the most difficulties?

4. If a foster or adoptive child's (or his/her parents') religious preference were different from yours, would you accept the child?

Yes

No

Would you take the child to a church of his/her denomination, or arrange for child care while you attend church?

Yes

No

Explain: _____

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS APPLY ONLY TO SINGLE PARENTS

1. How long have you been a single parent? _____

2. How did you become a single parent? _____

3. To whom do you go for help when you are feeling lonely or worried? _____

4. How will becoming a foster or adoptive parent influence your dating patterns and intimate relationships? _____

5. If you wanted to get married, what impact would being a foster or adoptive parent have on your marriage plans? _____
