



9. Were you or any member of your family ever abused emotionally, physically, or sexually? If so, explain.

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10. Was your family happier than most families, or unhappier? Explain.

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11. When you left home to live on your own:

How old were you? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you leave?

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How did you and your family feel about your leaving?

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12. Do you identify yourself with a particular religion?

Yes

No

If "Yes," which religion? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend religious services?

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**PREVIOUS MARRIAGES (Relationships)**

1. Have you ever been divorced or terminated a significant relationship?

Yes

No

If yes, how did you deal with your feelings of loss? Explain.

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- 2. Do you have any children who do not live with you?  Yes  No

If yes, how do they feel about your becoming a foster or adoptive parent?

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- 3. If you have remarried or entered into a new relationship, how have your children adjusted to your new partner?

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**IF YOU ARE SINGLE OR LIVING ALONE, SKIP THE NEXT SECTION AND GO TO FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SECTION ON PAGE 5.**

**CURRENT MARRIAGE (or Relationship)**

- 1. How did you meet your spouse or partner?

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- 2. How long have you:

Known each other? \_\_\_\_\_

Been Married? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. What was the main reason you married or entered into a relationship with this person?

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- 4. What are the main reasons you have stayed together?

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- 5. What do you like most about being married?

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6. What do you like least about being married?

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7. Under what circumstances would you consider terminating your relationship or getting a divorce? Explain.

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8. How much time do you and your partner spend alone together? Explain.

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Do you feel comfortable with this amount of time?  Yes  No

9. What do you most admire about your partner?

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10. What do you think your partner most admires about you?

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11. What would you most like to change about your partner?

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12. What do you think your partner would like to change about you?

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**FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION**

1. What gave you the idea to pursue foster care or adoption at this time?

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2. Have you ever been in foster care or been adopted?  Yes  No

3. Do you know anyone who experienced foster care or adoption?  Yes  No

If you answered 'yes' to either question 2. or 3., explain how your experience has affected your interest in fostering or adopting a child yourself.

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4. What do you think the major differences are between foster care and adoption?

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5. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, why are you choosing foster care instead of adoption?

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6. If you are interested in becoming an adoptive parent, why are you choosing adoption instead of foster care?

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7. If you are interested in becoming a foster/adoptive parent, what circumstances would lead you to adopt a child you are currently fostering?

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8. Are you and your partner physically able to conceive a child?  Yes  No

If not, please describe your feelings about not being able to conceive:

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If yes, are you planning to have children?  Yes  No

If not, explain why not:

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9. Have you and/or your partner received infertility treatments?  Yes  No

If yes, describe the treatments and explain when treatments ceased or if they are still being received.

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**EDUCATION**

1. Did you graduate from high school?  Yes  No

If no, what was the highest grade you completed? (circle grade) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

If you did not graduate, what were the reasons for dropping out of high school?

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If you dropped out of high school, have you obtained a G.E.D.?  Yes  No

2. How important will your foster/adoptive child's grades and school performance be to you?

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3. What are your experiences with special educational programs?

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4. Do you have a college degree?  Yes  No

If yes, degree earned (check all applicable)  Associate  Bachelor  Masters  Doctorate

What were your major fields of study?

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**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Please list the jobs you have had in the last 10 years.

EMPLOYER	TYPE OF WORK	FROM (mo/yr) — TO (mo/yr)	REASON FOR LEAVING

2. Which of the jobs listed above did you like best? Explain why.

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3. Which job did you like least? Explain why.

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4. If you are currently employed:

What do you do at work?

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How long do you want to keep this job?

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What influences will becoming a foster or adoptive parent have on your work?

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**PARENTING**

***IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 8 OF THIS SECTION.***

- 1. Have you ever parented someone else's children?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

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- 2. What have you liked most about being a parent?

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- 3. What have you disliked most about being a parent?

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- 4. What childhood ages do you enjoy parenting the most? \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. What childhood ages do you enjoy parenting the least? \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Do you and your spouse agree on how to discipline your children?  Yes  No

If not, how do you handle your differences?

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***IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, PLEASE SKIP TO SENSITIVE SUBJECTS ON PAGE. 10***

- 7. Have you ever parented someone else's children?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

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8. What will you like most about being a parent?

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9. What will you dislike most about being a parent?

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10. What childhood ages will you enjoy parenting the most? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What childhood ages will you enjoy parenting the least? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What forms of discipline do you think will be most effective?

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**SENSITIVE SUBJECTS**

As a member of the foster care and adoptive care team, you may find that you need to talk with the child placed in your home or with caseworkers about sensitive subjects. Foster care and adoption often require talking about separation, divorce, death, sexual issues (including sexual abuse), mental illness, anger and sadness.

We need to know which of these subjects you can talk about and deal with easily, which ones you need some support to deal with, and which ones you prefer not to deal with or talk about.

We don't mean to offend you or make you uncomfortable. We just need to know what you think and how you feel about these subjects. With this in mind, please answer the questions on this page as well as you can.

Describe one or two occasions in your life when you felt extremely angry. How did you deal with your anger?

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