

# FOSTER HOMESTUDY

**FILE:**

**NAME:**

**FEMALE APPLICANT:** (Physical Description – what do you look like? How do you describe yourself? Describe your energy level.)

**D.O.B.**

**MALE APPLICANT:** (Physical Description – what do you look like? How do you describe yourself? Describe your energy level.)

**D.O.B.**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**CHILDREN:**

**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**OTHERS IN THE HOUSEHOLD:**

**DIRECTION TO FOSTER HOME:**

**CULTURE AND RELIGION:**

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT/RESUME:**

**DESCRIPTION OF HOME AND NEIGHBOURHOOD:** (List community Resources, i.e. Schools, Malls, Transportation, Hospitals, Rec. Centres, Etc)

**PROFILE OF CHILD YOU PREFER TO WORK WITH:**

**FAMILY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** (Describe your family background-Personal history, Brothers and Sisters, Place in Family, Relationship to family Member) How are you same and how are you different then your parents? What member of your family would you go to for problems? Describe your childhood stating the happiest part of your childhood and the saddest part of your childhood.

**FEMALE APPLICANT:**

**MALE APPLICANT:**

**MARRIAGE:** (Describe your marriage. How long have you been together: previous Marriage is applicable. Family structure and relationship. Social attitudes, values, ability to communicate, how you handle psychological events)

## **ASSESSMENT OF PARENTING PRACTICES AND FAMILY FUNCTIONING:**

**Affective Involvement & Responsiveness:** (-Attitude towards organization and other staff/foster parents. –Commitment to follow policy and procedures. Commitment for training and on-going education.)

**Personality and Temperament:** (What are you like: What do you like about yourself? What would you like to change about yourself? How do you think other see you? Do you feel more comfortable talking or listening? Do you like things to be uncertain and unpredictable or is routine and organization important to you? What things make you happy? What things make you sad? What things upset you? What things make you joyful? How do you react when you are upset or angry? How do you show your sadness and what helps you? How do you react when things are ‘just in a mess’? What do you like to do to relax? What can others do to help in the above situations? What is the most difficult life experience you have had? The most memorable happy experience? What are the things that make life meaningful to you? What changes do you think you will have to make with a new foster child? What problems do you anticipate? What do you consider your expectations of a foster child to be? The three most important value categories I wish my foster child to learn?)

**Communication:**

**Problem Solving:**

**Behavior Management:** (Personal philosophy on discipline, strengths and weakness of dealing with behavior.)

**Role Allocation and Maintenance:**

**Description of Children in Care:**

**Motivation to Foster:**

**Police Record Check:**

**References:**

**Foster Parent Service Agreement:**

**Summary of Strengths:**

**Areas for Growth and/or Goals to Work On:**

**Suggestions for Working with the Family:**

**Suggestions for Preferred Placements:** (Describe the clients that the Foster Parents work best with)

**Recommendation:**

**CONTACTS:**

- Initial interview \_\_\_\_\_
- Follow-up interview \_\_\_\_\_
- Observation shift at Spectrum Foster Care Services \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Observation training and site visit to the perspective foster home  
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- Training session in policies and procedures and foster parents handbook  
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- Home study meeting  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Service agreement review and signing of fostering contract  
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- Meeting perspective residents for the foster home  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Training sessions  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOSTER PARENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR /** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**