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|  | | MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  CHILDREN’S DIVISION  **FOSTER/ADOPT HOME ASSESSMENT APPLICATION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRIMARY INTEREST  FOSTERING  ADOPTING  RESPITE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please complete all spaces accurately and completely.  Application does not place you under any obligation to Children's Division. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **I. APPLICANT(S)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **APPLICANT 1** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | **APPLICANT 2** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name Last, First, M.I., Maiden | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Name Last, First, M.I., Maiden | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Birth Date | | | | Birthplace | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Birth Date | | | Birthplace | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sex | | | | Race | | | | | | Church Affiliation | | | | | | | | Sex | | | Race | | | | | | Church Affiliation | | | | |
| Last School Grade Attended | | | | | | | | College Degree/Major | | | | | | | | | | Last School Grade Attended | | | | | | | | College Degree/Major | | | | | |
| Name/Place of Last School | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Name/Place of Last School | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Occupation | | | | | | | Date Employed (Present Job) | | | | | | | | | | | Occupation | | | | | | | Date Employed (Present Job) | | | | | | |
| Working Hours | | | | | | | Work Telephone | | | | | | | | | | | Working Hours | | | | | | | Work Telephone | | | | | | |
| Military Service  Yes No | | | | | | | Rank | | | | | | | | | | | Military Service  Yes No | | | | | | | Rank | | | | | | |
| Type of Discharge | | | | | | | Date | | | | | | | | | | | Type of Discharge | | | | | | | Date | | | | | | |
| Have you ever been employed by the Children’s Division? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Have you ever been employed by the Children’s Division? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes No | | | Date Employed       to | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes No | | | | Date Employed       to | | | | | | | | | |
| **II. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Complete for everyone living in the home unless listed above. Attach additional pages, if necessary. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | | | | Birth Date | | | | | | Relationship | | | | | School/Employer | | | | | | | | Grade/Time Employed | | | |
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| Complete for all children not living in the home. Attach additional pages if necessary. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | Birth Date | | | | | | | | Relationship | | | | | Address | | | | | | | | | | | | Phone |
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| **III. ADDRESS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County of Residence | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Home Telephone Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Email Address: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Type of Home:  Single Family Multi-Family  Apartment Number of Bedrooms  Number of Rooms | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Directions to your home | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **IV. REFERENCES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| List 3 (three) unrelated people who know you well. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | Address | | | | | | | | | | City , State | | | | | | | | Zip Code | | | | | | Phone | |
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| **V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Give name of adoptive child(ren), date and location of adoption(s) completed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Have you previously applied to this agency?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Result of application | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name other agencies to which you have applied to foster or adopt. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Result of application(s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Have you had Foster or Adoptive placements through this or another agency?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of agency through whom you provide foster care or adopted. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Have you previously been studied in regard to a child custody (divorce) matter?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If yes, where and for whom? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Why do you wish to foster or adopt a child? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Child(ren) desired: Age Range       Sex       Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Would you be willing to accept a child of a race/ethnicity/culture other than your own?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Would you be willing to accept teenaged children and sibling groups?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Would you be willing to accept a child from a different religious background than your own and allow that child to practice his/her own religious beliefs?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| What are your family’s religious practices? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Would you be willing to participate in the development and implementation of a treatment plan designed to provide permanency for a child?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Are you willing to participate in training sessions designed to increase your knowledge about foster/adoptive children?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Are you willing to work closely with the parents of a foster child toward reunification?  YES  NO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING:**  If yes, place “y” in the box provided, if no, place “n”. If you need more information about this topic, place an “m” in the box. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | The difference between foster care and adoption? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That a foster child’s history is confidential? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That foster parents are responsible for the day-to-day care of foster children? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That foster parents are expected to be participating members of the family support team? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That foster parents are expected to work with birth families on reunification of children? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That foster care does not automatically lead to adoption? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That licensing as a foster home does not guarantee placement of a child? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | That approval as an adoptive home does not guarantee placement of a child? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **VI. MARITAL STATUS AND HISTORY** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Marital Status**:  Single   Separated  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Co-Habitating | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Former Marriage(S), If Applicable (Attach Additional Pages If Necessary) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant 1  Single  Separated  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Co-Habitating | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Applicant 2  Single  Separated  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Co-Habitating | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Former Spouse’s Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Former Spouse’s Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date of Marriage | | | | | Date of Divorce | | | | | | Date of Death | | | | | | | Date of Marriage | | | | | Date of Divorce | | | | | | Date of Death | | |
| **Present Marriage, If Applicable** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date of Marriage | | | | | | | | | | | | | Place of Marriage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Have there been any separations during this marriage?  YES  NO  If yes, when & how long? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **List every state each household member 17 years of age and older has lived in the past 5 years** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Household Members | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **VII. FINANCIAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Total Monthly Income | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | B. Total Average Monthly Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **VIII. LEGAL HISTORY** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Has anyone living in your home ever been arrested and convicted of any law violation, other than minor traffic offenses? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If, so please give history of arrests, convictions, civil judgments and pending civil actions for all household members age 17 and older or any person under the age of 17 who has been certified as an adult. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **IX. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT HISTORY** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please list the involvement of any household member, age 17 or older, with the children’s division or other child protection agency: (list the type of agency, where and why the household member was involved with the agency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **X. HEALTH** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Describe the present health of all household members (please include medications, handicaps, medical conditions and mental disorders): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I understand that the completion/ submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the foster/adopt program.  I understand that my signature on this application gives the children’s division the right to contact any individual or agency who may have information regarding my suitability for foster/relative/kinship/adoptive parenting. I also authorize the children’s division to complete child abuse and neglect and criminal background checks for the purpose of determining suitability for foster/relative/kinship/adoptive parenting. My signature also certifies that information that I provide to the division is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.  I further understand that the foster parent licensure application process and subsequent related activity is a public record and will be made available to the public upon request. I further understand that some information from this application and subsequent related activity may be shared with parents and other parties involved in the placement decisions for children in division custody. Some of the information contained in this application cannot be released without my written permission or a court order. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant Signature  ► | | | | | | | | | | | Social Security Number | | | | | | | | | | | | Date Signed | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant Signature  ► | | | | | | | | | | | Social Security Number | | | | | | | | | | | | Date Signed | | | | | | | | |
| Please attach a photograph (if you have one) of all family members standing in front of your home. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION AND YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAMS.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |