

Instructions for Adoptive Family Registration Form

*Ensure there is a response to every question that applies.
If the question does not apply, mark NA in the space.

Part I. Registrant Information

1. **DCFS Provider Number:** Make sure that this is included.
4. **Agency Name:** Ensure that this is the family's licensing worker, not the child's worker.

Part II. Information about Your Family

*Be as detailed as possible.

2. **List all other individuals living in your home:**
 - Ensure that the first and last names are included for all members of your household.
 - For all areas that ask for dates ensure that the month, day, and the year are included.
4. **Describe your parenting skills:** Describe your parenting style: What can you offer a child? Identify your strengths and your weakness as a parent. For example: Under what circumstances would you reward a child? How would you deal with an aggressive child? Are you clear with directions and do you feel you can be flexible if necessary. You may want to describe some of your daily routine. These are just ideas that will give a worker some information about your parenting style and skills.

Part III. The Children You Would Like to Adopt

1. **Youngest acceptable age of child:** Please note that the majority of children waiting to be adopted are between the ages of 10-18.
4. **Acceptable legal status:**
 - **Parental Rights Terminated:** Termination is a legal action of the court that relieves the birth parents of a child of all parental responsibility and deprives them of all legal rights to the child.
 - **Child's case has passed legal screening:** Legal screening is a process to determine that adoption is in the best interests of a child and there are sufficient grounds for termination of parental rights.
 - **Child's case has passed pre-screening:** Prior to a case being taken to legal screening, the adoption screening packet is pre-screened at the DCFS Regional Field Offices.
 - **Parents appealing termination of parental rights:** Checking this box means you would accept the placement of a child for whom the process of termination of parental rights is being contested. Because it is important to place a child in a permanent home, social workers and other professionals involved in adoption try to find a potential adoptive family before the entire legal process is complete. While it is possible that some legal complication could disrupt an adoptive placement with a legal risk child, it is uncommon.

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Part IV. Conditions and Disabilities:

Circle your response:

1. Physical/Medical Conditions:

Example: 0 1 ②3 Asthma

0 1 2 ③Seizures

Part V. Authorizing Signatures

-Ensure that all the boxes are checked.

-If a single parent, ensure that the appropriate line is signed and dated and that the licensing worker has also signed and dated the appropriate line.

-If married, ensure that both spouses sign and date on the appropriate lines and that the licensing worker signs and dates the appropriate line.