

HOME STUDY EVALUATION OUTLINE
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHERN KANSAS

REFERRAL SOURCE AND RESASON FOR REFERRAL

Includes dates of contact and reason for adopting.

FAMILY DESCRIPTION

Includes physical description of each family member, date of birth, including race and ethnic background. Describes home setting and environment.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS ADOPTION

Explores how family will incorporate adoption issues into their lives and the life of their child. Explores losses in adoption. Includes background and possible medical problems the couple would be willing to accept. Addresses issue of openness and desire for continued contact after adoption.

INFERTILITY ISSUES

Includes medical history, miscarriages, and how couple has dealt or is dealing with loss of infertility. Explores issues of adoption not “fixing” infertility.

PERSONAL AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Do the following four items separately for husband and wife.

GIVE FAMILY OF ORIGIN INFORMATION Describes brief information about siblings and their families. Explores family practices, discipline practices, religious involvement, difficult family history (death, alcoholism, treatment, etc), family values, and enough personal information to present the uniqueness of this family.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Includes employment history and length of present employment.

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Includes church membership and involvement of each spouse. Discusses how religious practices impact their lives and the life of a child.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Identifies state of health for each family member and if there is a general medical condition or illness requiring on-going medication (i.e. depression, anxiety, heart condition, diabetes, etc). If applicable, describes response from a letter from their doctor about condition. Describes how illness has affected their lives. Identifies history of any drug/alcohol issues.

LEGAL HISTORY

Includes information of Child Abuse & Neglect Central Registry and KBI/FBI Fingerprinting results. Gives information about any past criminal charges and/or D.U.I's within past five years.

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

Briefly explores courtship and marriage history. If applicable, discusses any previous marriages with candor. Discusses how has marriage/relationship changed over time. Discuss problem solving and compromising (i.e. how does couple settle disagreements).

CHILD OR CHILDREN

If child is old enough, describes how he/she feels about adoption of a sibling. Describes child likes/dislikes and educational background. Identifies child's state of health, updated medical care information (i.e. name of medical provider), and up-to-date on immunizations.

PARENTING ISSUES

Discusses how parents were raised/parented and how that impacts them. Explores plans for discipline of child. Includes plans for maternity leave, child care, etc. Describes how they will help a child develop his/her potential. Explores parent's hopes/expectations for a child.

HOUSING AND FINANCES

Describes housing situation (i.e. home owned, equity, rental, upkeep), home safety (i.e., fire extinguisher, smoke detectors, fenced yard, medications out of reach). Identifies 1040 tax return and pay stub information along with insurance coverage and assets/liabilities balance sheets as applicable.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Describes the family's connection to community and their support systems. Describes use of community resources?

REFERENCES

Summarizes references with brief statements and quotes from reference responses.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

Describes positive characteristics of the couple/family and the adoption worker's recommendation for the couple's readiness to adopt a child.