

NAME: _____

CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY LIFE EXPERIENCES

1. Where were you born and raised?
2. Describe your family. Who raised you? Who were you closest to?
3. How did your parents express affection (with each other/with you)?
4. How were you disciplined? Who disciplined you?
5. How does/would your style of parenting compare with your parent's style?
Describe similarities and differences.

6. List your parents, siblings and grandparents by name, age and current place of residence.

7. How often are you in contact with your parents, grandparents and siblings?

8. How would you describe your childhood? What do you recall as your most difficult period?

9. How did you meet your spouse/significant other? (Answer only if applicable)

10. What are your areas of agreement/disagreement (e.g. money, religion, parenting styles, discipline etc.) How do you resolve conflicts? (Answer only if applicable)

11. If you have children, describe their strengths and weaknesses?

12. How do/would you discipline children?

13. If you have children in your home, list some of the satisfactions and disappointments you have experienced in raising these children.

14. What jobs have you had? How rewarding is your present job?

15. Describe your home and neighborhood. Is your neighborhood safe? Which elementary, middle, high school would school age children residing in your home attend? How long have you lived in your present home? Do you have any plans to relocate?

16. Do you have any association or involvement with schools, churches or other community/civic organizations? Please describe.

17. How kinds of leisure activities do you enjoy? Do you have any hobbies or special interests?

18. Do you speak any languages other than English? Please identify.

19. Do you have any pets? Please identify.

20. Have you ever been married before? Do you have any children from previous marriages/partners? If so, please describe your relationship with these children as well as your relationship with the children's father/mother. (Include information pertaining to visitation and financial support).

21. Why are you applying to become a foster/adoptive parent? When did you decide to apply? What strengths do you feel you have that will enable you to be an effective foster/adoptive parent?

22. What is your plan for child-care? Do you need help in locating licensed day-care providers?

23. Have you experienced any recent changes in your life (job changes, moves, deaths in family)? How have you managed/cope with these life changes.

24. Have you ever experienced any significant health problems? If yes, how did you deal with this? Have you ever helped someone else manage/cope with a serious health problem? Please describe.

25. Do you have any previous experience with foster care or adoption? Please describe.

26. If you have children in your home, how do they feel about your decision to foster or adopt? How do you think they will react to having a foster or adopted child in their home? Do you anticipate any problems resulting from having both birth and foster/adopted children in your home? Do you anticipate any changes in the way you discipline your own children?

27. How would you handle the challenges of having a foster or adopted child of a different race, ethnicity or religion?

28. Children that have been abused or neglected sometimes exhibit one or more of the following behaviors. Please describe how you might respond to these behaviors.

1. Aggression:

2. Defiance:

3. Profane or Disrespectful language:

4. Lying:

5. Smoking:

6. Destruction of property:

7. Running away:

8. Stealing:

9. Temper tantrums:

10. Unexcused absence from school: