Ohio Department of Children and Youth

CHILD CHARACTERISTICS CHECKLIST FOR FOSTER CARE AND/OR ADOPTION

(Required for use with the DCY 01673)

Note: A person seeking to provide foster care or to adopt a minor who knowingly makes a false statement that is included in the written report of a home study conducted pursuant to Section 3107.02 or Section 5103.03 of the Revised Code is guilty of the offense of falsification under Section 2921.13 of the Revised Code. A homestudy with a knowingly false statement shall not be filed with the court and if filed may be struck from the court's records.

Name of Applicant # 1	Name of Applicant # 2	Date completed or updated	
Address of Applicant(s)		Applicant's Phone	
Name of Representing Agency and/or Agent		Phone	
Adoption Home Study Services of Ohio		(330) 829-9400	
Address of Representative and/or Agent		Fax	
358 Edna St Alliance, Ohio 44601		none	

Instructions: Please print. Use the list below to let us know the type of child(ren) you would like to foster and/or adopt. Place an X in the appropriate box. If characteristics would be different for foster care than adoption, place an "A" for adoption and an "F" for foster care.

	Will consider	Will not consider
Gender/S	Sex of Chi	
Female		
Male		
Age	of Child	
Newborn/under 1		
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Over age 17		
Number of Children/Siblings		
1		
2		
3 4		
5 or more		
Teen Parent with Child		

	Will consider	Will not consider
Race/Ethnicity/Language of Ch		consider
American Indian or Alaskan Native		
Black or African American	\vdash	
White	\vdash	
Asian	\vdash	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	\vdash	
Biracial (2 of the races above must be selected)	\vdash	
Multiracial (3 or more of the races above must be selected)	H H	片片
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Unable to determine (applies to deserted child or safe haven baby only)		
Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity		
Non-English Speaking/specify language:		
Placement History		
Child's first placement: no known behavior problems		
Child's first placement: agency has no information on child		
Child now in residential treatment		
Child has had previous foster placement(s)		
Child has had previous adoptive placement(s)		
Birth History		
Low birth weight or premature		
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome		
Fetal Alcohol Effects		
Positive toxicology screen at birth (one or more of the following: Cocaine, Amphetamines, Heroin, Morphine, Phencyclidine (PCP), Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Hydromorphone, Marijuana, Propoxyphene, Methadone, Codeine)		
Prenatal Drug Exposure (one or more of the following: Cocaine, Amphetamines, Heroin, Morphine, Phencyclidine (PCP), Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Hydromorphone, Marijuana, Propoxyphene, Methadone, Codeine)		
Drug Addiction at Birth (heroin, methadone, morphine, or other)		

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	Will	Will not
Barrelana	consider	consider
Development Mental Retardation: Mild	al	
Mental Retardation: Moderate		
Mental Retardation: Moderate Mental Retardation: Severe/Profound		H
Failure to Thrive (organic or		
environmental)	Ш	
Speech Problems: Mild/may require		
therapy		
Speech Problems: Moderate/requires therapy		
Speech Problems: Severe/requires therapy		
Hearing Impairment/Not Deaf: Mild		
Hearing Impairment/Not Deaf:	П	
Moderate/Requires treatment	Ш	Ш
Hearing Impairment/Not Deaf:		
Severe/Requires treatment Deaf		
Visually Impaired/Not Blind: Mild/requires	Ш	
treatment		
Visually Impaired/Not Blind:		
Moderate/requires treatment	Ш	
Visually Impaired/Not Blind:		
Severe/requires treatment		
Blind	Ш	
Orthopedic Impairment: Requires special shoes		
Orthopedic Impairment: Requires leg		
brace	Ш	Ш
Orthopedic Impairment: Requires other		
treatment		
Dental Dental Problems (may include tooth	l	T
decay, missing teeth, crowded or		
misaligned teeth, overbite, under bite)		
Orthodontia required		
Allergies and Respirato	ry Proble	ms
Allergies: Food		
Allergies: Drugs		
Allergies: Environmental		
Asthma: No treatment required		
Asthma: Treatment required Other Medical Cor	ditions	
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder		П
Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)	П	
Juvenile Arthritis		
AIDS		
HIV		
Cancer: In remission		
Cancer: Requires treatment		Щ
Cerebral Palsy: Mild		
Cerebral Palsy: Moderate Cerebral Palsy: Severe		
Cleft lip/palate (may require surgery)		\vdash
Cleft lip/palate (may require surgery) Cleft lip/palate (already corrected)	 	╁┼
Cystic Fibrosis: Mild		
Cystic Fibrosis: Moderate		
Cystic Fibrosis: Severe		
Diabetes: Insulin-dependent		
Diabetes: Non-insulin dependent		
Down's Syndrome		

	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
Other Medical Condition	<u>ıs (continu</u>	ued)
Heart Disorder: Minor (may need surgery)		
Heart Disorder: Major (may need surgery)		
Hemophilia		
Hepatitis (may require treatment)	Щ	
Family history of Huntington's Disease		
Hydrocephaly		
Lead Poisoning (may require treatment)		\vdash
Lice (may require treatment) Chronic liver disease (may require		\vdash
Macrocephalic		
Microcephalic Missing limb(s) (may require prosthesis)		
Muscular Dystrophy		
Neurofibromatosis		
Currently pregnant		
Previous Pregnancy(ies)		
Seizures		
Seizure Disorder (other than Epilepsy)		
Epilepsy	П	
History of sexually transmitted disease		
(syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes simplex II,		
chlamydia, other)		_
Currently has sexually transmitted		
disease (syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes		
simplex II, chlamydia, other)		
Sickle Cell Disease		
Sickle Cell Trait		
Spina Bifida		
Tuberous Sclerosis	Щ	
Tuberculosis		
Previous Medical Hospitalizations		
Previous Surgeries		
Medication		1
Requires daily medication for one or		
more conditions	and Core	
Requires Specializ	ed Care	
Non-Ambulatory Physically Disabled		\vdash
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Physical Therapy: Short-term Physical Therapy: Long-term		
Occupational Therapy: Short-term		
Occupational Therapy: Ung-term		H
Requires Intermittent Medical Treatment		
& Evaluation	Ш	
Requires Specialized In	-Home Ca	are
Tracheotomy		
Naso-gastric tube	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$	H
Gastric tube	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$	H
Apnea monitor		
Nebulizer		
Requires Lifelong Medical Treatment		
Requires Lifelong Supervision		
Limited Life Expe	ctancv	
Terminally III (life expectancy less than 1		
yr.)		
Limited life expectancy due to chronic		
illness or disabling condition		
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	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
Sleeping Problen	ns	
Sleep Apnea		
Nightmares		
Afraid of sleeping in the dark		
Afraid of the dark		
Sleep walking		
Bedwetting (Enuresis – over 5 years of age,		
at night)		
Soils bed at night (Encopresis)		
Dietary or Eating Pro	blems	
Requires special diet		
Bulimia (may require treatment)		
Anorexia (may require treatment)		
Pica		
Hoarding food		
Overeating		
MENTAL / EMOTIONAL	HEALTH	
Requires or is currently in counseling/therapy		
Refuses counseling/therapy or medication		
Previous psychiatric hospitalization		
Has Mental Health Dia	gnosis	•
Adjustment disorder		
Autism or Asperger's Syndrome		
Bi-polar disorder		Ī
Conduct disorder		
Depression		
Intermittent explosive disorder	一百	
Oppositional Defiant Disorder		
Schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder		
Reactive Attachment Disorder		
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder		
Requires medication for psychiatric disorder /		
mental health problem		
Education / Preschoo	l Child	
Requires Early Intervention Services for		
developmental delay		
Attends Head Start		
Attends Therapeutic Head Start		
Education / School Ag	e Child	
High Achiever		
Achieves at grade level in regular classes		
Achieves at below grade level in regular		
classes	Ш	
Child struggles with school		
Child has repeated grade		
Cognitive Functioning: Above Average		
Cognitive Functioning: Average		
Cognitive Functioning: Below Average		
Has Behavior Problems in School:		
Occasionally		
Has Behavior Problems in School: Frequently		
Academic Problems: Occasionally		
Academic Problems: Frequently		
Needs Tutoring in One or More Subjects		
Child May Require Educational Testing		

	Will consider	Will not
Education / School Age Ch		consider
Truancy		J. <i>)</i>
Suspension(s)	 	
Expulsion(s)	 	++
Academically Behind Due to Poor Attendance	 	
Child is involved in after school activities		Ш
(sports, dance, clubs, etc.)		
Child is in alternative school for emotional.		
developmental, psychological, or behavior		
problems		
Special Education	n	
Child is in or requires special education clas		
Cognitive disability (Developmental		
Handicap/DH)		Ш
Emotional Disturbance (Severe Emotional		
Disability, SBH)		
Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia, etc.)		
Hearing Impairment/deafness		<u></u>
Speech or Language Impairment		
Visual Impairment/blindness		
Orthopedic Impairment		
Autism		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Deaf-blind		
Other Health Impairment		
Multiple Disabilities (2 or more of above disabilities)		
Temperament and Pers	sonality	
Shy		
Energetic		
Sweet		
Withdrawn, tunes out		
Quiet		
Responsible		
Bold		
Respectful/courteous		
Timid		
Anxious		
Honest		
Positive Attitude		
Resourceful		
Outgoing and Social		
Pleasant		
Calm/laid back		
Eager to Please		
Reserved		
Active		
Overactive		
Boisterous		
Bossy		
Attention Seeking		
Compulsive		

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	Will	Will not
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Behaviors and Charact Head banging	eristics	
Rocking		
Tendency to reject father figures	H	
Tendency to reject mather figures		
Follows adult directions	H	
Tends to form superficial relationships		
Difficulty in attaching		
Not affectionate		
Fearful	H	
Overly dependent Manipulative		
Stubborn		
Defiant	H	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$
Difficulty making friends and relating with		Ш
other children		
Wets during the day		\vdash
Soils him/herself during the day		
Temper Tantrums: Mild		
Temper Tantrums: Moderate		
Temper Tantrums: Severe	⊢⊢	⊢⊢
Poor social skills	片片	\square
Child can be disruptive in social settings	\vdash	\vdash
Difficulty accepting and obeying rules	┝	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$
Masturbation: Occasionally	<u> </u>	\vdash
Masturbation: Frequently	<u> </u>	\vdash
Masturbation: Past		
Masturbation: Private		Щ
Masturbation: Public		lacksquare
Biting		
Lying		
Stealing	Ш	Ш
Frequently starts physical fights with other		
children		
Physically aggressive toward other children	<u> </u>	\Box
Physically aggressive toward adults		Щ
Gang Involvement (past)		Щ
Gang Involvement (present)		
Self-abusive, self-harming		
Suicidal thoughts or attempts		
Poor anger management		
Substance Use and A	Abuse	
Smokes cigarettes		
Chews tobacco		
Alcohol use		
Alcohol abuse		
Marijuana		
Other substance abuse		
Requires or has completed treatment program		
for substance abuse		
Other Behaviors	3	
Runaway: Occasionally	П	
Runaway: Frequently	Ħ	
Runaway: Past		
Breaks curfew	H	片片
Tendency to abuse animals	H	H
Destructive of: Clothing, toys		
Destructive of: Household property		
Destructive of: Rousehold property Destructive of: School or other public		
property		
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	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
Other Behaviors (con	tinued)	
Uses foul language		
Child involved in group or activity that		
physically sets itself apart from the		
mainstream and focuses on negative or	_	_
deviant themes Child obsessed with guns, knives, explosives,		
or other destructive devices or themes		
Currently plays with matches/lighters	П	П
Fire setting		
Sexual Behavio	r	
Sexually active		
Seductive		
History of inappropriate sexual behavior		
Child involved in prostitution	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Known sexual perpetrator		
Sexual offender (juvenile adjudication)		
Sexual perpetrator who has successfully completed treatment		
Child at risk for offending sexual behaviors	П	П
Child has initiated sexual behavior toward		
other children or adults		
Sexually acting out behavior (may include		
frequent masturbation, exposing or frequent		
touching of genitals, etc.)		
Child has an alternative sexual orientation		
(may include homosexual, bisexual or	Ш	Ш
transgender lifestyles) Juvenile Court Involv	omont	
Unruly adjudication		
Theft: Past conviction or current charges		
Breaking curfew: Past conviction or current		
charges		
Domestic violence: Past conviction or		
current charges	Ш	Ш
Cruelty to animals: Past conviction or current		
charges		
Crime using a weapon: Past conviction or current charges		
Other delinquency adjudication(s)	П	П
Previously Incarcerated	Ħ	Ħ
Currently incarcerated		
Registered sex offender		
Court order for restitution		
Court order for child support		
Child is on probation		
Child is on parole		
Child has participated in Court diversion		
program(s) Child has had serious on-going involvement		
with Juvenile Court for delinquent or		
assaulting behaviors in the past 2 years		
Current or Previous Charge o	r Convicti	on(s)
Aggravated murder		
Murder		
Involuntary manslaughter		
Felonious assault		
Aggravated assault		
Assault		

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	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
Current or Previous Charge o	r Convicti	on(s)
Rape	<u> </u>	
Sexual battery		
Gross sexual imposition		
Conspiracy to commit aggravated murder or murder		
Use or possession of a firearm or body armor in an offense that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult.		
Family History		
Child has strong ties to birth family		
Child needs continued contact with parents		
Child needs continued contact with siblings		
Child needs continued contact with other relatives		
Child has strong ties to foster family and needs continued contact		
Child has strong ties to a non-related		
significant other and needs continued contact		Ш
Sexually abused: Indirect		П
Sexually abused: Direct		
Physically abused		
Psychologically or emotionally abused		
Child victim of physical neglect		
Child victim of emotional neglect		
Child exposed to domestic violence		
Child conceived as a result of rape		
Child conceived as a result of prostitution		
Child conceived as a result of incest		
Incest family history		
Criminal record		
History of one or both parents		
Child exposed to mental illness by other than		
family member		
One or both parents have mental retardation		
Family history of domestic violence		
Child exposed to domestic violence by other than family member		
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	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
History of one or both	parents	
One or both parents have alcohol addiction		
One or both parents have drug addiction		
Mother used alcohol during pregnancy		
Mother used drugs during pregnancy		
Agency has no information about the birth father		
Agency has no information about either		
parent (i.e. 'safe haven' baby)		
One or both parents have criminal record		
One or both parents have diagnosed me	ental illness	
Depression		
Bi-polar disorder		
Schizophrenia		
Borderline personality disorder		
Other personality disorder		
Intermittent explosive disorder		
FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT INVOLVEMENT W/BIRTH		
FAMILY		
Foster/Adoptive Parent is w	illing to:	
Meet birth parents		
Have contact with birth parents through		П
agency or intermediary		
Send letters to birth parent	⊢⊢	┝
Receive letters from birth parents	느닐	┝
Send videos to birth parents	$\vdash \vdash$	\vdash
Receive videos from birth parents	느닐	┝
Have phone contact between adults	닏	
Have child continue visits with siblings	Ш	
Have child continue visits with extended relatives in birth family		
Receive birth parents' name, address, phone number, etc.		
Give birth parents the foster caregiver's or adoptive parent's first name		
Give birth parents foster/adoptive family identifying information		

Adoptive/Foster Parent Statement of Understanding

I/we understand that I/we will not be considered for matching with any child with a characteristic outside the criteria noted on this checklist. I/we understand that the agency will place children based on characteristics known to the agency at the time of placement. I/we also understand that I/we may revise this checklist at any time by contacting my/our adoption or foster home worker.

Adoptive/Foster Parent's Signature		Date
Adoptive/Foster Parent's Signature		Date
Assessor's Signature		Date
Supervisor's Signature N/A	Brenda S. Lare, MSSA,LSW. Director, Adoption Assessor	Date

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