

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT

Per DCY 5180:2-7-02

This is not all inclusive; it highlights the State and Agency requirements.

	FOSTER CARE (LICENSE)	ADOPTION (APPROVAL)
* AGE:	18 years of age	18 years of age
* LANGUAGE:	One parent must be able to read, write, and communicate in English	SAME
* MARITAL STATUS:	Single, married or co-parent	Single, married or co-parent (only one co-parent may adopt)
* INCOME:	Must be sufficient to maintain the expenses of the home; income verification required	SAME
* ABILITY:	Must be physically, emotionally, and mentally able to parent	SAME
* REQUIRED TESTS:	Medical (all family members), TB test, random drug screen (1X)	SAME
* OPTIONAL EXAMS:	Further medical, psychological, testing (at the discretion of the assessor)	SAME
* CRIMINAL RECORD:	Sheriff/municipal police checks, BCII (state), and FBI	SAME
* CRIMINAL HITS:	All household members age 18 and older Felonies (5 years), misdemeanors (1 year), disqualifying hits (list) – Management approval needed.	SAME
* OTHER LICENSES/ DAYCARE:	Cannot be licensed with any other placing agency (MR/DD, etc.) or be a licensed daycare provider	SAME
* HOME BUSINESS:	Requires approval by agency	SAME
* NUMBER OF CHN:	One placement, except siblings (LCCS) * No placement of unrelated children (Agency)	Limit of 10 children total
* SAFETY ISSUES:	Fire inspection, safety audit/environmental checklist, fire extinguisher/smoke detectors	SAME
* TRAINING:	27 hours per person for licensure 30 hours per person per recertification period	27 hours for approval 4 hours of permanency planning

* OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- SACWIS & Central Registry checks (child abuse/neglect history)
- Marital history/Divorce history
- Military history
- References
- Veterinarian records
- Sleeping arrangements and bed space
- Substitute and emergency care
- Transportation (car seats/seat belts)
- Insurance (car, home/renter, medical)
- Driver's license check – no OVI/OVUI (new term for DUI/DWI); (Must have good driving record)
- Pets – no vicious animals