

PROSPECTIVE KINSHIP and RESOURCE PARENT SELF STUDY

(To be completed by each applicant individually. Please **print** clearly.)

As an applicant to become a kinship or resource parent with the Larimer County Department of Human Services, you will find yourself talking with the child, caseworkers, and other professionals about things you may rarely talk about with anyone. These tough topics and important issues may include separation, loss, death, divorce, violence (including child abuse), sexual issues (including sexual abuse), mental illness, strong emotions, and the use and abuse of alcohol and/or drugs.

The mutual decision we are making is a very important one. Because of the importance of that decision, we'll talk about subjects that are usually not discussed outside the family - and not at all in some families! It is not our intention to offend or discourage you, or to make you uncomfortable. It is our desire to help make the best possible decision together. Taking this into consideration, please answer the following questions about you and the members of your household openly, honestly and thoroughly, adding additional sheets if necessary. *This form can be sent to you electronically if you would prefer to complete it on your home computer.* **Thank You.**

PART ONE: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you like using email for communication? (Yes or No?) _____

Gender (Female or Male?): _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Highest Grade of School Completed: _____ Where? _____

What Other Languages Do You Speak? _____

What Other Languages Do You Write? _____

Other Adults In The Home:

Name	Relationship to Applicant?	Is this a permanent living arrangement?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Applicant's Past Residences: Please list all the countries/cities/states where you have ever lived and approximate age while there. (Specific street addresses are not necessary.)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Applicant's Occupational History: Please list your current job and your two most recent jobs.

Place of Employment	Position	Dates of Employment	Reason for Leaving
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Applicant's Special Interests/Talents/Hobbies: _____

Current Relationship Status: Single _____ Married _____ Partnered _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____

Dates of marriage or domestic partnership: From _____ To _____ Where? _____

Previous Relationship Information:

Dates of marriage or domestic partnership: From _____ To _____ Where? _____

How did the relationship end? _____

Were there any children from this relationship? (Yes or No?) _____ If "Yes", where do these children

now live? _____

Extended Family Information:

Parents/Step Parents	Where do they live?	Frequency of contact in your home?
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Siblings/Step Siblings	Where do they live?	Frequency of contact in your home?
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PART TWO: HOME ENVIRONMENT

1. Type of Residence (house, condo, apartment, manufactured home, etc.): _____

Square Footage: _____ Number of Bedrooms: _____ Number of Bathrooms: _____

If large acreage property, how many acres do you have? _____

2. Are there companion animals (dogs, cats, birds, etc.) in the home? (Yes or No?) _____

If "Yes", give names, ages and breeds: _____

3. Are there any other animals at your house, such as farm animals? (Yes or No?) _____

If "Yes", please describe: _____

4. Are your pets good with children? (Yes or No?) _____

If "No", please explain: _____

5. What would you do if you found a child being aggressive with one of your pets? _____

PART THREE: LEGAL INFORMATION

1. Do you, or any adult in your home, have current criminal charges, either misdemeanor and/or felony?

_____ Yes _____ No If "Yes", Please explain: _____

2. Have you, or any adult in your home, ever been convicted of a misdemeanor and/or a felony?

_____ Yes _____ No If "Yes", Please explain: _____

3. Have you, or anyone in your home, adult or child, ever admitted to and/or been convicted of child abuse?

_____ Yes _____ No If "Yes", Please explain: _____

4. Does any youth in your home (10 years of age or older) have current or past criminal charges or convictions, either misdemeanor and/or felony?

_____ Yes _____ No If "Yes", Please explain: _____

5. Has any youth in your home (10 years of age or older) been convicted of a criminal offense, either felony and/or misdemeanor (including child sexual abuse)?

_____ Yes _____ No If "Yes", Please explain: _____

PART FOUR: THOUGHTS OF BECOMING A KINSHIP OR RESOURCE PARENT

1. What circumstances led you to want to become a kinship or resource parent? _____

2. Do you think your spouse/partner is interested in becoming a kinship or resource parent as much as you are?

(Yes or No?) _____ Please explain: _____

3. Have you ever been in foster or kinship care? YES NO If yes, at what age? _____

4. Were you adopted? YES NO If yes, at what age? _____

5. Did or do you know anyone who was in foster or kinship care, or who was adopted? YES NO

Please explain _____

6. Please list any experience working with children. Include such things as Boy/Girl Scout Leader, Sunday School, Day Care Provider, Babysitting, etc. (Where and When?)

7. Please list any specialized training or classes you have attended that you feel will help you as a kinship or resource parent:

Name of training

Date

Length of Class

8. What do you imagine will be the most positive parts of being a kinship or resource parent?

9. What do you think will be the least positive or most difficult parts of being a kinship or resource parent?

PART FIVE: PARENTING/FAMILY LIFE

Applicants who have children (biological, adopted or step-children), should complete Part Five in its entirety. Please complete the following about each child under age 18 in your home, unless otherwise specified. Applicants who do NOT have children should skip part five, and go on to part six.

Please answer the following questions for biological/adopted/step children CURRENTLY IN THE HOME:

Child - Name: _____ **Age:** _____

School they are attending: _____

Please describe their personality / characteristics: _____

Child's Activities and/or Interests: _____

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Child - Name: _____ **Age:** _____

School they are attending: _____

Please describe their personality / characteristics: _____

Child's Activities and/or Interests: _____

Please answer the following questions for biological/adopted/step children CURRENTLY AWAY FROM HOME:

Child - Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Where does he/she live? _____

How often does your child come to visit? _____

Please describe their personality / characteristics: _____

Child's Activities and/or Interests: _____

Child - Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Where does he/she live? _____

How often does your child come to visit? _____

Please describe their personality / characteristics: _____

Child's Activities and/or Interests: _____

Child - Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Where does he/she live? _____

How often does your child come to visit? _____

Please describe their personality / characteristics: _____

Child's Activities and/or Interests: _____

Child - Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Where does he/she live? _____

How often does your child come to visit? _____

Please describe their personality / characteristics: _____

Child's Activities and/or Interests: _____

Please answer the following questions about ADULT CHILDREN over age 18 (residing with you or on their own):

Name: _____ Age: _____

Where does he/she live? _____

Occupation? _____ Married/Partnered? (Yes or No?) _____

Children's names and ages: _____

How often does he/she visit? _____

Is he/she supportive of you wanting to become a kinship or resource family? (Yes or No?) _____

Explain: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Where does he/she live? _____

Occupation? _____ Married/Partnered? (Yes or No?) _____

Children's names and ages: _____

How often does he/she visit? _____

Is he/she supportive of you wanting to become a kinship or resource family? (Yes or No?) _____

Explain: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Where does he/she live? _____

Occupation? _____ Married/Partnered? (Yes or No?) _____

Children's names and ages: _____

How often does he/she visit? _____

Is he/she supportive of you wanting to become a kinship or resource family? (Yes or No?) _____

Explain: _____

1. What satisfaction does being a parent give you? _____

2. What do you and your children disagree about? _____

3. Describe any significant past or present problems with any of your children? [For example, any special medical or physical needs, behavioral problems, school difficulties, etc.?]

4. What aspects of being a kinship or resource family do you imagine your child(ren) will do well with?

5. What do you think your child(ren) will have difficulties with? _____

PART SIX: OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. Do you and your spouse or partner disagree about any areas of parenting? If so, please explain:

2. What happens when you lose your temper with children? _____

3. What is your Emergency Care Plan? Specifically, in case of an incapacitating illness or death, who would be your designated caretaker(s)? What is your relationship to this person? _____

Have these arrangements been discussed with the designated caretaker(s)? (Yes or No?) _____

How willing are they to assume this responsibility? _____

Are arrangements formalized in a will or trust? _____

4. As a parent, how and when would you teach a child [or want them to learn] about sex [regarding their own body, puberty, premarital sex, sexually transmitted diseases, and sexual responsibility]?

5. What would you do if you discovered a child masturbating?

6. How would you handle discovering a child engaged in sexual play or sexual activity with another child?

7. How would you handle a child who is being sexually active? _____

8. How difficult would it be for you to support a child in a religion different from yours? What if a child has no religious experience?

9. How often do you attend church / worship services? (Weekly? Special holidays? Regular study groups, church meetings, etc?)

10. Larimer County attempts to place children with families of their own race or culture, but it isn't always possible.

Would you be willing to care for a child of a different race or culture? (Yes or No?)

If you answered "Yes", how would you help the child feel comfortable? If you answered "No", please elaborate further.

11. How do you think this child would be accepted by family and friends? In your neighborhood? At your church? In the schools?

12. How would you help this child with racial and cultural identity? How could you help him/her maintain connections with a culture that is different than your own? Are there people in your life (family, friends, acquaintances, etc.) that could help you help support a child of a different culture?
