Dear Foster Parent:

I want to thank you for your interest in 1 Care Premier Services. My name is Ashley Morales and I am the Foster Home Developer here at the agency. It is my responsibility to ensure that you have a smooth transition as you begin your journey to becoming a first-time foster parent, but that can only be done with your cooperation.

Enclosed is an application packet and other documents needed for this process to go as smoothly as possible.

You will also receive a training packet where you and your respite provider/s are required to complete all 10 trainings.

Thank you again for your interest in helping children and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely, Ashley Morales, BSW Foster Home Developer 1 Care Premier Services, LLC Texas Licensed Foster and Adoption Agency 340 N. Sam Houston Parkway East Suite A247 Houston, TX 77060 Direct: 832-628-7251

#### **Brand New Foster Parents**

| Foster Home Appl   | ication                  |                   | Gas Inspection (if applicable)             |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Foster Parent Refe | rence #1 -               |                   | Cleared Statements of Health by M.D.       |
| Friends/Profession | al                       |                   | TB Tests on all household members age 1+   |
| Foster Parent Refe | erence #2 -              |                   | Copy of Current Driver's License           |
| Friends/Profession | al                       |                   | Copy of Birth Certificate                  |
| Foster Parent Refe | rence #3 - Relative      |                   | Copy of Social Security Card               |
| Foster Parent Refe | rence #4 - Relative      |                   | Copy of Auto Insurance                     |
| Foster Parent Refe | erence #1 -              | $\overline{\Box}$ | Copy of Homeowners/Renter's Insurance      |
| Friends/Profession | al (if applicable)       | $\Box$            | Floor Plan of Foster Home (sq. ft of each  |
| Foster Parent Refe |                          | _                 | room)/Evacuation Route                     |
| Friends/Profession | al (if applicable)       |                   | Foster Home Disaster Plan                  |
|                    | rence #3 - Relative (if  |                   | Marriage License (if applicable)           |
| applicable)        |                          | $\square$         | Divorce Decree (if applicable)             |
|                    | erence #4 - Relative (if | $\overline{\Box}$ | Employment Verification (pay stub) 60 days |
| applicable)        | _                        |                   | W-2 Previous Year or Bank Statement        |
| Background Conse   |                          | $\overline{\Box}$ | Budget Worksheet                           |
| Background Check   | •                        |                   | Proof of Education (Min: HS diploma or     |
| Criminal Backgrou  |                          |                   | GED)                                       |
| household member   | rs age 14+               |                   | Interviews with all Adult Children         |
| Fire Inspection    |                          |                   | inciviews with an Adult Children           |
| Health Inspection  |                          |                   |  |

#### **Important Documentation**

- Confidentiality-Mandatory Reporting Agreement
- 40 Hour Observation
- Individualized Training Plan
- Foster Home Contractor Manual
- Foster Parent Rights
- FP Acknowledgement (TX Health Steps, Discipline Policy)

- FP Handbook Acknowledgement
- Foster Home Agreement
- U Weapon Inventory
- Motor Vehicle Safety
- Insurance Coverage Policy
- HHSC Medical Transportation Information

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### 1. Ethical Family Transfer

- These documents state 1 Care Premier did not induce or solicit the transfer foster parent

### 2. Application

- This application is **9 pages long**
- If you are married, you are required to have a Co-Applicant
- 1 Care Premier Services Office is located at 340 N. Sam Houston Parkway East Suite A247 Houston, TX 77060
- Please fill out to the best of your ability, otherwise it will be sent back.

### 3. References

- You must have 2 friends/professional **and** 2 relative references
- If you are married, Applicant and Co-Applicant must have different references
- You are responsible for getting these references to us



#### **Ethical Family Transfer Process**

#### Purpose

- To delineate a transfer process between a family *desiring to transfer* and a family *solicited*, *enticed*, *or encouraged to transfer* their verification to another agency. It is important to note that DFPS's primary goal is for all organizations to develop and open additional foster homes to serve children and youth entrusted to our mutual care.
- To facilitate a cooperative spirit between agencies in the DFPS Provider Community.
- To ensure the agency with whom the family is verified receives notification of a transfer request from the family and from the agency contacted; and to provide the agency that verified the family an opportunity to address concerns raised.
- To provide an opportunity for families in good standing with licensing, and those that have started the verification process with a Provider Network organization, to express their concerns and request a verification change, if necessary.
- To prevent the practice of organizations recruiting homes from other organizations within the existing DFPS Contracted Network and to minimize family transfers from one organization to another.

#### **Required practices**

- During the term of the contract, no verified family or staff of a DFPS Contractor will be contacted by staff, volunteers, subcontractors, or affiliated entities of another DFPS Contractor for the purpose of recruitment or transfer to that Provider agency. This standard holds even when one organization is planning to close its operations, or is placed on placement hold by Residential Child Care Licensing and wishes to release its homes to other agencies. In these situations, the organization may request that the DFPS Foster Care Redesign Administrator for Regions 2 and 9 send a list of Provider Network organizations with contact information to the affected foster parents, for them to make their own contacts and decision about transferring verification.
- If a verified family contacts another agency for information about a potential transfer, or applies to change verification, the agency contacted will provide the family this *Ethical Family Transfer Process* and direct the family to discuss their concerns with the agency that developed their verification. The contacted agency must also inform the original verifying organization's recruitment or program director by phone and by email, within five (5) business days of contact, regarding the date of the family's contact for a request to transfer (with a cc to the DFPS Foster Care Redesign Administrator for Regions 2 and 9).
- The contacted agency may have no further contact with the family for at least 30 days, or until they have received a release and closing summary from the verification organization,

whichever is sooner, to allow sufficient time for that organization to meet with the family to resolve any outstanding issues that may be present.

- If the family still wishes to make a transfer, the originating organization will transfer verification information to the agency with whom the family wishes to transfer, with a closing summary and release form signed by an administrator of the organization, no later than thirty (30) days after having received notification (with a cc to the DFPS Foster Care Redesign Administrator for Regions 2 and 9).
- DFPS encourages foster families and organizations to contact the DFPS Foster Care Redesign Administrator if families are solicited directly or indirectly *in an unethical manner* to make a transfer to another organization.
- The DFPS Foster Care Redesign Administrator will review all organizations' recruitment plans and patterns in quarterly and annual reviews. Contractor agrees to provide this information to DFPS and also agrees to allow DFPS to disclose this information with the Provider Council at regular meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_ I declare that a 1 Care Premier Services representative reviewed the Ethical Family Transfer Process with me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I declare that at no point was I contacted by staff, volunteers, subcontractors, or affiliated entities of 1 Care Premier Services for the purpose of recruitment or transfer to that Provider agency.

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ I declare that the decision to transfer to 1 Care Premier Services was done freely and voluntarily.

| Applicant Signature:             | Date://  |  |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Co-Applicant Signature:          | Date://  |  |
| Agency Representative Signature: | Date:/// |  |



#### **Contract Application**

Please complete all information requested. If any item does not apply to you, please write "N/A" so there will not be any delay in the processing of your application.

#### **IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** (Please Type or Print Legibly)

| Home Phone:                 |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Co-Applicant Cell:          |  |  |
| Co-Applicant Email Address: |  |  |
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#### Location and Community Resources

| School District    |         |              |                             |
|--------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Schools            | Address | Phone Number | Method of<br>Transportation |
| Preschool          |         |              | Walk Bus FP                 |
| Elementary School  |         |              | Walk Bus FP                 |
| Middle School      |         |              | Walk Bus FP                 |
| Junior High School |         |              | Walk Bus FP                 |
| High School        |         |              | Walk Bus FP                 |

| Community Locations | Address | Phone | Method of<br>Transportation |
|---------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Nearest Hospital:   |         |       | □Walk □Bus □FP              |
| Nearest Park:       |         |       | Walk Bus FP                 |
| Nearest Library:    |         |       | Walk Bus FP                 |

| Do you attend a church? yes no |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Name of Church                 |  |  |  |
| Denomination                   |  |  |  |
| Address of Church              |  |  |  |
| Name of Pastor                 |  |  |  |
| Pastor's Phone Number          |  |  |  |

Have you applied to another Child or Adult Placing Agency in the past? yes No

| If yes, please list ALL agencies to which you have applied (both Applicant and Co-Applicant) |
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| Date of application | Company name and<br>address | Company number | Was a home study completed? |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                     |                             |                | _                           |
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|                     |                             |                |                             |

| Why do you want to become a foster parent?   |
|--|
| What kind of child(ren) are you interested in caring for (how many, age, gender, etc)? |
|  |
| How and when did you hear about 1 Care Premier Services?                               |

| Home Information            | □ Own □ Rent                   |                           |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Do you have weapons in your | Do you have a pool or hot tub? | Do you have a trampoline? |
| home?                       | □yes □No                       | □yes □No                  |
| If yes, please describe:    | If yes, please describe:       |                           |

| How long at current address? | years | If less than $10$ , list previous address(es) where you lived in the last 10 years: |
|------------------------------|-------|---|
| From To                      |       |   |

#### Please provide the following personal information:

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|                               | Applicant (Primary Caregiver)     | Co-Applicant (Secondary Caregiver) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Social Security Number        |                                   |                                    |
| Date of Birth                 |                                   |                                    |
| Driver's license State &      | State:                            | State:                             |
| Number                        | Number:                           | Number:                            |
| Place of Birth (City, State)  |                                   |                                    |
| Citizenship (what country)    |                                   |                                    |
| Ethnicity                     | □Hispanic □Non-Hispanic           | □Hispanic □Non-Hispanic            |
| Race                          | American Indian/Alaskan Native    | American Indian/Alaskan Native     |
|                               | □Asian □Black □White              | □Asian □Black □White               |
|                               | □Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | □Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  |
| Any names previously used     |                                   |                                    |
| (maiden, different first or   |                                   |                                    |
| last name)                    |                                   |                                    |
| Education-highest grade or    |                                   |                                    |
| degree completed              |                                   |                                    |
| Language(s) spoken            |                                   |                                    |
| Military Service              | □current □past □N/A               | □current □past □N/A                |
|                               | Branch:                           | Branch:                            |
|                               | Dates of                          |                                    |
|                               | Service:                          | Type of                            |
|                               | Type of                           | Discharge:                         |
| I                             | Discharge:                        |                                    |
| Have you ever been            | □yes □No                          | □yes □No                           |
| convicted of any crime?       | If yes, please describe:          | If yes, please describe:           |
|                               |                                   |                                    |
| Have you ever been accused    | □yes □No                          | □yes □No                           |
| of physical abuse, emotional  | If yes, please describe:          | If yes, please describe:           |
| abuse, sexual abuse or        | It yes, please describe           | n yes, please desenbe              |
| neglect of a child or adult?  |                                   |                                    |
| List organizations or groups  |                                   |                                    |
| you belong to                 |                                   |                                    |
| List any volunteer work you   |                                   |                                    |
| do                            |                                   |                                    |
| Describe any church or        |                                   |                                    |
| religious affiliations you    |                                   |                                    |
| have                          |                                   |                                    |
| Describe any interests and    |                                   |                                    |
| activities you enjoy alone or |                                   |                                    |
| as a family                   |                                   |                                    |

MARITAL HISTORY (If you are married, both you and your spouse must apply together) Current Marital Status: □ Married Divorced □ Single

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#### Applicant's Previous Marriages, if applicable (if more, use a separate page)

| Previous Spouse Name | Date of Marriage |    |      | How it ended |  | County & State of Divorce |
|----------------------|------------------|----|------|--------------|--|---------------------------|
|                      | From             | То |      | Death        |  |                           |
|                      |                  |    | Dive | orce         |  |                           |
|                      | From             | То |      | Death        |  |                           |
|                      |                  |    | Dive | orce         |  |                           |
|                      | From             | То |      | Death        |  |                           |
|                      |                  |    | Dive | orce         |  |                           |

#### Co-Applicant's Previous Marriages, if applicable (if more, use a separate page)

| Previous Spouse Name | Date of I | Marriage |      | How it ended | County & State of Divorce |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|------|--------------|---------------------------|
|                      | From      | То       |      | Death        |                           |
|                      |           |          | Dive | orce         |                           |
|                      | From      | То       |      | Death        |                           |
|                      |           |          | Dive | orce         |                           |
|                      | From      | То       |      | Death        |                           |
|                      |           |          | Div  | orce         |                           |

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION** (Information about *other* people living in your home including foster children, if any)

| Full Name             | How Related | DOB | School or  | Social   | If foster child, DFPS |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----|------------|----------|-----------------------|
| (First, Middle, Last) |             |     | Occupation | Security | Caseworker's          |
|                       |             |     |            | Number   | Name & Phone          |
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Give the names of all of your children (for both Applicant and Co-Applicant) who live <u>outside</u> your household. Include adult children. According to the *Minimum Standards For Child Placing Agencies*, <u>all</u> of the children living outside your household, who are 12 years and older, will have to be contacted to complete a child reference.

| Full Name             | How Related | Date of Birth  | Phone Number  | Address |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
|                       | How Related | Date of Birtin | r none Number | Address |
| (First, Middle, Last) |             |                |               |         |
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#### **Frequent Visitors** (include all visitors who visit the home more than once per month.)

| Name | Relationship | DOB | Phone Number | Address |
|------|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|
|      |              |     |              |         |
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<u>APPLICANT REFERENCES</u> - Please list the names and addresses of five persons or couples <u>not related</u> to you who have known you well enough for at least two years to inform us accurately regarding your moral character and life style. At least two of the persons or couples identified must be a member of your community (example: neighbor, church, school, etc.).

| Name | How do you<br>know this<br>person | Address | Phone Number | Email Address |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
|      |                                   |         |              |               |
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One relative reference—this person cannot live in your home.

| Name | How do you<br>know this<br>person | Address | Phone Number | Email Address |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
|      |                                   |         |              |               |

<u>CO-APPLICANT REFERENCES</u> - Please list the names and addresses of five persons or couples <u>not related</u> to you who have known you well enough for at least two years to inform us accurately regarding your moral character and life style. At least two of the persons or couples identified must be a member of your community (example: neighbor, church, school, etc.).

| Name | How do you<br>know this<br>person | Address | Phone Number | Email Address |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
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One relative reference—this person cannot live in your home.

| Name | How do you<br>know this<br>person | Address | Phone Number | Email Address |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
|      |                                   |         |              |               |

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** (Show all employment for the last five years; attach additional sheet of paper if needed)

Applicant

| Dates of<br>employment | Company name and address | Immediate<br>Supervisor name<br>and phone number | Position held | Reason for leaving position |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Start date:            |                          | •  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |

**Co-Applicant** 

| Dates of<br>employment | Company name and address | Immediate<br>Supervisor name<br>and phone number | Position held | Reason for leaving position |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
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| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
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| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |
| Start date:            |                          |  |               |                             |
| End date:              |                          |  |               |                             |

#### **MEDICAL HISTORY** Have you had a history of or treatment for any of the following?

|                                 | Applicant               |        | Co-Applicant            |        | Household Member        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Are you currently being treated | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No who?           |
| for a physical illness?         | If yes,                 | please | If yes,                 | please | If yes, please          |
|                                 | describe:               |        | describe:               |        | describe:               |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        |                         |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        |                         |
| Are you currently being treated | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No who?           |
| for a mental illness?           | If yes,                 | please | If yes,                 | please | If yes, please          |
|                                 | describe:               |        | describe:               |        | describe:               |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        |                         |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        |                         |
| Do you have a history of mental | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No                |
| illness?                        |                         | please | If yes,                 | please | who?                    |
|                                 | describe:               |        | describe:               |        | If yes, please          |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        | describe:               |
|                                 | Was treatment provided? |        | Was treatment provided? |        |                         |
|                                 | □yes □No                |        | □yes □No                |        | Was treatment provided? |
|                                 | If yes,                 | please | If yes,                 | please | □yes □No                |
|                                 | describe:               |        | describe:               |        | If yes, please          |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        | describe:               |
|                                 |                         |        |                         |        |                         |
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#### List all prescription medications being taken on a regular basis:

| Medication                  | Reason for Medication |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| (circle one)                |                       |
| App/Co-App/Household Member |                       |

#### **INCOME AND EXPENSES** Provide the following information about your financial status.

| Monthly Income  |              |            |
|---|--------------|------------|
| Applicant's Income  | Gross yearly | Net yearly |
| Source: $\Box$ Employment $\Box$ Retirement Benefits $\Box$ Other                         | \$           | \$         |
| Co-Applicant's Income   |              |            |
| Source: D Employment D Retirement Benefits D Other  | \$           | \$         |
| All Other Household Income Source: Rental Income, Alimony, Child Support,                 |              |            |
| Dividends, Adoption Assistance, Foster Care Reimbursement, etc.                           | \$           | \$         |
| A copy of your most recent 60 days of paycheck stubs and/or other sources of income       |              | \$         |
| including Social Security, SNAP, TANF benefits, etc, and consecutive bank statements      |              |            |
| and/or last year's tax return are required for your file to meet state Minimum Standards. | TOTAL:       |            |

Assets

| Specify Sources (Stocks, Bonds, Savings, Investments, Interest Bearing Accounts, etc. | Value |
|---|-------|
|   | \$    |

Household Expenses: Enter your household's average monthly expenses for the following items. DO NOT INCLUDE

#### EXPENSES THAT ARE DEDUCTED FROM PAYCHECKS.

| House/Rent Payments              | \$<br>Home or Renter's Insurance, if not included in mortgage  | \$ |
|----------------------------------|--|----|
| Payments for Other Real Property | Automobile Insurance   |    |
| Automobile Payments              | Life Insurance   |    |
| Gasoline and Auto Maintenance    | Medical and Dental Insurance, if not taken<br>out of paychecks |    |
| Groceries and Household Supplies | Medical Care (Not covered by insurance)                        |    |
| Cable                            | Dental Care (Not covered by insurance)                         |    |
| Telephone (home and all cells)   | Child Support Payments   |    |
| Childcare                        | Utilities (Gas, Water, Electric, Sewer)                        |    |
| Recreation and Entertainment     | Credit Cards   |    |
| Loans                            | Clothing, haircuts, etc.                                       |    |
| Pet Care                         | Miscellaneous  |    |
| Other Debts/Expenses (specify):  | <br>TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:                                    | \$ |

Please initial next to the following statements to indicate you have read and understand each statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I declare that all statements contained in this application are true and that any misrepresentation or omission is cause for dismissal.

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ I also authorize investigations of all statements contained in the application.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that false statements and/or omissions regarding past conduct and/or present situation may be grounds for denial of the application to provide services and that refusal to inform 1 Care Premier Services of the contents of a criminal record will result in the automatic denial of the application.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must successfully complete Pre-Service Training before I can be licensed as a foster parent and have a client placed with me.

\_\_\_\_\_/ I understand that I can withdraw from the application process at any time before licensing or approval takes place and that a license will not be granted if I withdraw. I also understand that 1 Care Premier Services can stop the application process at any time before licensing or approval.

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_I understand that the information provided in the application will be used to run an OIG check. An OIG (Office of Inspector General) check provides information to the health care industry, patients and the public regarding individuals and entities currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and all other Federal health care programs.

\_\_\_\_\_/ I understand that 1 Care Premier Services has ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ABUSE and takes all allegations of abuse seriously. I further understand that 1 Care Premier Services cooperates fully with the authorities to investigate all cases of alleged abuse. Abuse of clients is grounds for immediate dismissal and possible criminal charges.

\_\_\_\_\_ I declare that I am not a pedophile or child molester and that I have not perpetrated physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect against a child or an adult and that I have never been accused of these acts.

\_\_\_\_\_/ I hereby authorize 1 Care Premier Services to be furnished information regarding my Criminal/Central Registry and other required background records. I also understand that information obtained during the application process and home study may be obtained from other agencies/professionals involved in the home licensing and treatment processes.

\_\_\_\_\_/ I understand that certain background check results can preclude me from being in the presence of the children served by 1 Care Premier Services. For more information, please refer to the below link: <u>http://dfps.state.tx.us/documents/ChildCare/ChildCareStandardsandRegulations/Fost\_Adopt\_Chart.docx</u>

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1 Care Premier Services hereby certifies that any and all information obtained from the Criminal and/other needed background information of the above named applicant will be kept in strict confidence and use solely for the purpose of evaluating the household for child placement or evaluation. This consent also authorizes 1 Care Premier Services to submit the individual's Criminal Background check on a yearly basis, so long as the individual is under contract with 1 Care Premier Services, or is affiliated with any of its contractors, sub-contractors, or other employees.

| Applicant Signature:    | Date: | // |
|-------------------------|-------|----|
| Co-Applicant Signature: | Date: | // |

\*Please submit this completed application along with a copy of your driver's license and social security card.\*

I have reviewed this application and have noted any missing information

| Agency Representative Signature: |       | 1 1 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Agoney Ronrocontative Signature. | Date: | 1 1 |
| Ageney Representative Dignature. | Date. | 1 1 |
|                                  |       |     |



#### **Reference Questionnaire**

Personal **Professional** 

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#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

#### Name of Applicant:

Address:

Street/Apt.

#### **REFERENCE INFORMATION**

**NOTE TO THE REFERENCE PERSON**: The applicant indicated above has applied for the position of foster parent with our agency and listed you as a reference. Working as a foster parent requires a wide range of interpersonal skills, which need to be accompanied by emotional stability and a stable living environment. A foster parent brings a disturbed child or adolescent into his/her home to live and provides the client with a stable living atmosphere. A foster parent must be capable of engaging a troubled child/adolescent in a manner, which is caring, supportive, and therapeutic. Foster parent's are called upon to handle incidents that may arise, identify and deal with behaviors, which may be anti-social and empathize with a client who may act out irrationally. The success of our program depends in large measure upon the success of the Foster Parent-Client relationship. Keeping these qualifications in mind, would you please fill out the attached questionnaire regarding this applicant and return it to our office as soon as possible in the self addressed stamped envelop provided.

-Thank You, 1 Care Premier Services

State

Name of Reference:

Address:

Street/Apt.

City Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? years months

#### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Should you need more space to answer any of the questions please attach an additional sheet.

**1.** Please comment on the applicant's ability to establish and maintain relationships with people.

2. Please comment on the applicant's ability to recognize his/her own needs.

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3. Please comment on the applicant's sensitivity to the needs of others.

4. How do you feel this applicant does in stressful situations? Please explain.

5. Does the applicant participate in any hobbies or recreational pursuits regularly? What are they?

6. Please comment on the quality of the applicant's home life, i.e., general atmosphere.

7. If the applicant is married, is the marriage stable? Are the children well adjusted?

8. Would you be comfortable placing one of your own children with the applicant?

9. Are you aware of any reason why 1 Care Premier Services should not place an individual in the applicant's home?

10. Please provide any additional comments, which would help us determine the eligibility of the applicant.

**Reference's Signature** 

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date

If applicable: Interviewed by:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

> Please email or fax information to: 1 Care Premier Services 340 N. Sam Houston PKWY E. Suite 247 Houston TX, 77060 Fax: 713-583-0900 nicole.mays@lcareps.com

# BACKGROUND

### 1. Background Check Requirements

- This is a detailed list on who **requires** a background check.
- Please read carefully and circle appropriately on the Background Consent Form

### 2. Background Consent Form

- Having read Background Check Requirements, please provide all the Background Consent Forms needed.

Foster Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Background Check Requirements**

The following definitions of persons requiring background checks have been developed in accordance with DFPS Minimum Standards sections, §745.601, §745.615, and 1 Care Premier Services Policies & Procedures. Please refer to the following definitions to determine who requires a background check, and initial beside each statement confirming that you have read and understand the requirements.

#### **Household Members**

\_\_\_\_\_ Any person who resides in the home 14 and over requires a background check.

#### **Regular Visitor**

\_\_\_\_\_ A person is considered a regular visitor if they are 14 and over and are at your home on a scheduled basis (i.e. every third weekend of the month, or every Tuesday and Wednesday of the week).

#### **Frequent Visitor**

\_\_\_\_\_ A person is considered a frequent visitor if they are 14 and over are in your home for more than two non-continuous visits in a 30-day period;

\_\_\_\_\_ One continuous stay at your home per year and the duration of the stay exceeds seven days; OR

\_\_\_\_\_ More than two continuous stays at your home per year and the duration of each exceeds 48 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ A frequent visitor will require a background check if they are 14 and over and reside in the Foster Parent's home overnight at any time.

#### **Family Members**

\_\_\_\_ Any family member will require a background check if they meet the definition of a frequent, regular, or overnight visitor as listed above.

\_\_\_\_ The following family members living within 150 miles of the Foster Parent's home will require a background check, regardless of their status as a visitor:

- The Foster Parent's parents or step-parents
- o The Foster Parent's siblings and their spouses
- $\circ$  The Foster Parent's children, 14 and over, who live outside of the home

#### **Individuals Requiring FBI Checks**

- \_\_\_\_ All household members 14 and over.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All regular or frequent visitors to the home who have lived out of state within the last 5 years.
- \_\_\_\_ All overnight visitors to the home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All family members who have lived out of state within the last 5 years.
- \_\_\_\_ All babysitters and respite providers.



#### CONSENT TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

| First Name:  | Middle Nam  | e: Last                         | Name:                         |
|--|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Name Suffix: (If any-o   | circle) 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3rd, 4th, 5th, Jr., Sr., MD, P  | PhD, Other                      |                               |
| S.S. #   | ID type ( <i>Circle one</i> ): None   | Driver's license State issued I | D ID #                        |
| ID State:  | D.O.B   | Gender (Circle one              | e): Male Female               |
| Address Line 1:  |   |                                 |                               |
| Address Line 2:  |   |                                 |                               |
| City:  | State: Zip Code:  | County:                         | Home Phone #:                 |
| Relationship to the Re   | equester: (Circle one) Foster parent  | Adoptive parent Caregiv         | er Household member Volunteer |
|  |   |                                 |                               |
| Family Friend (other   | Staff) Relative of Foster parent (othe  | er staff) Frequent Visitor (oth | er Staff) Employee (Staff) )  |
| •  |   | er staff) Frequent Visitor (oth | er Staff) Employee (Staff) )  |
| Babysitter (other staff  |   |                                 |                               |
| Babysitter (other staff<br>Other cities of residen   | ()  |                                 |                               |
| Babysitter (other staff<br>Other cities of residen<br>Have you lived anywh   | <sup>()</sup><br>ice in Texas:  | rs?                             |                               |
| Babysitter (other staff<br>Other cities of residen<br>Have you lived anywh   | E)<br>nce in Texas:<br>nere other than TEXAS in the last 5 yea  | rs?                             |                               |
| Babysitter (other staff<br>Other cities of residen<br>Have you lived anywh<br>If yes list all previous                               | E)<br>nce in Texas:<br>nere other than TEXAS in the last 5 yea  | rs?                             |                               |
| Babysitter (other staff<br>Other cities of residen<br>Have you lived anywh<br>If yes list all previous<br>Ethnicity:<br>Race:America | f)<br>nce in Texas:<br>nere other than TEXAS in the last 5 yea<br>address (es) including the County:  | rs?<br>Unable to Determine      |                               |
| Babysitter (other staff<br>Other cities of residen<br>Have you lived anywh<br>If yes list all previous<br>Ethnicity:<br>Race:America | E)<br>There other than TEXAS in the last 5 yea<br>address (es) including the County:<br>HispanicNon-Hispanic<br>an Indian/Alaskan NativeAsian<br>to Determine | rs?<br>Unable to Determine      |                               |

Applicant understands that certain background check results can preclude you from being in the presence of the children we serve. For more information please refer to the below link:
http://dfac.state.tr.uc/documents//Child.Care/Child.Care/Standards and Regulations/Fost\_Adapt\_Chect\_documents/

http:// dfps.state.tx.us/documents/Child Care/Child Care Standards and Regulations/Fost\_Adopt\_Chart.docx.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, the person identified above, hereby authorize 1 Care Premier Services to be furnished information regarding my Criminal/Central Registry and other required background records. I also understand that information obtained during the application process and home study may be obtained from other agencies/professionals involved in the home licensing and treatment processes. If my role is a frequent visitor, I understand I cannot frequent a foster home until my background checks have been cleared by the agency. I further understand that this is a non-expiring consent; withdrawal of this consent must be in writing.

#### FOSTER HOME NAME:

1 Care Premier Services hereby certifies that any and all information obtained from the Criminal and/other needed background information of the above named applicant will be kept in strict confidence and use solely for the purpose of evaluating the household for child placement or evaluation.

## **OTHER DOCUMENTATIONS**

### 1. Statement of Health

- Please give this form to your doctor confirming you are in a good state of health
- 2. Foster Family Budget Worksheet
  - Fill this out to the best of your ability

### 3. Weapons Inventory

- This document asks whether there is weapons in the home

### 4. Disaster Plan

- You must have a plan in case any disasters happen, report how this will happen in this plan



Statement of Health

#### MEDICAL

| Is the foster parent currently free of communicable diseases?  | Yes/No | If No, explain.  |
|--|--------|------------------|
| Does the foster parent have a history of chronic physical or mental illness?   | Yes/No | If yes, explain. |
| In your opinion, is the foster parent physically<br>and emotionally capable of accepting added<br>responsibility of providing care and guidance to<br>individuals with emotional and/or behavior<br>problems or other special needs? | Yes/No | If No, explain.  |

#### **MEDICATIONS**

| Is the foster parent required to take any medication? | Yes/No | If so, please indicate name of medication,<br>dosage and for what medical symptom or<br>problem: |
|---|--------|--|
|   |        |  |

Date of last doctor's visit and reason:

| Has the foster parent ever beer | treated for alcohol or substance | abuse? No Yes |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|

If yes, when and where?

Signature of Physician

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Physician Address:

Physician Phone Number:



#### FOSTER FAMILY BUDGET WORKSHEET

|  | MONTHLY INCOMES  |
|--|------------------|
| Foster Father Job:   |                  |
| Foster Mother Job:   |                  |
| Child Support:   |                  |
| Investment Interest Payments:  |                  |
| Inheritance:   |                  |
| Other:   |                  |
| TOTAL INCOME:  |                  |
|  |                  |
|  | MONTHLY EXPENSES |
| Mortgages/Rent:  |                  |
| Utilities:   |                  |
| Car Fuel:  |                  |
| Groceries:   |                  |
| Extracurricular Activities: Music Lessons,<br>Tean Sports, School Expenses |                  |
| Family Outings: Movies, Going Out<br>to Eat                                |                  |
| Grooming: Hair, Nails, Cosmetic, Clothing                                  |                  |
| Household Necessities: Toilet paper,<br>Cleaning supplies                  |                  |
| Gym Membership:  |                  |
| Church Tithes:   |                  |
| Retirement and Savings:  |                  |
| Medical Insurance/Co-Pays/Medical Bills:                                   |                  |
| Credit Card Payments:  |                  |
| Car Payments:  |                  |
| Fees:  |                  |
| Tolls:   |                  |

| Babysitting Costs:             |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Insurance: Car and House :     |  |
| College Tuition/College Loans: |  |
| Pets:                          |  |
| Other/Miscellaneous:           |  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES:                |  |

Foster Parent Signature

Staff Signature

Date

Date



#### Weapons Inventory

<u>(Foster Family)</u>

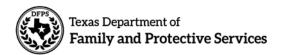
Weapons and ammunition must be stored and locked separately. Please refer to the foster parent handbook for the complete weapons policy.

| List of Weapons | Describe Storage of Weapons | Describe Storage of Ammunition |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
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### There are no weapons of any kind nor any ammunition stored anywhere in my home or on my property.

This is a complete listing of all the weapons currently stored in my home/on my property. I understand that I should notify my Clinical Coordinator of any additional weapons acquired or stored on the premises of my home in the future. I also understand I must review the safety issue of weapons and conduct an inventory of weapons with any respite provider I use with foster children.

Foster Parent(s) Signature



#### **DISASTER PLAN FOR DFPS FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES**

**Purpose:** This form is used to record the emergency and disaster plan that the foster and adoptive families create in the event of an emergency or disaster.

**Instructions:** DFPS staff provides this form to the family to complete. When the family has completed the form, DFPS staff enters the information in IMPACT and files the paper version in the case file.

| HOME INFORMATION                |                            |            |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Home Name:                      | Name of Caregiver #1:      |            | Name of Caregiver #2:      |
|                                 |                            |            |                            |
| Residence Address:              |                            | County:    |                            |
|                                 |                            |            |                            |
| Mailing Address (if different): |                            | School Dis | strict:                    |
|                                 |                            |            |                            |
| Home Phone:                     | Mobile Phone Caregiver #1: |            | Mobile Phone Caregiver #2: |
| Email Address:                  | 1                          |            |                            |

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE HOME

DFPS has developed this document to ensure that foster and adoptive families: 1) have a plan for and can be located in the event of an emergency or disaster; 2) have information on disaster preparedness; and 3) understand the CPS disaster policy. Please answer the following questions so that you can be found in the event of an emergency and so that DFPS is aware of who you have identified for emergency caregiving if you are unable to continue providing care during an emergency or disaster situation. Please notify your caseworker if there are any changes to this plan. A copy of this form will be provided to you after you complete it.



#### EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND CAREGIVERS

Please designate two people who do not live with you and whom you will call to tell them of your location and contact information in the event you must evacuate your home. If you cannot be located after an emergency, DFPS will contact them.

| Contact #1                          | Contact #2                          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name:                               | Name:                               |
|                                     |                                     |
| Address (Street, City, State, Zip): | Address (Street, City, State, Zip): |
| Home Phone Number:                  | Home Phone Number:                  |
| Mobile/Secondary Phone Number:      | Mobile/Secondary Phone Number:      |
|                                     |                                     |

Please designate two people whom you will call for emergency babysitting/caregiving services. Emergency babysitters/caregivers must be approved by FAD staff and the child's caseworker before services are needed. Per Minimum Standards, alternative caregiving services (babysitting) cannot exceed 72 hours. Emergency childcare exceeding 72 hours must be facilitated by FAD staff for respite services.

| Contact #1                          | Contact #2                          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name:                               | Name:                               |
| Address (Street, City, State, Zip): | Address (Street, City, State, Zip): |
|                                     |                                     |
| Home Phone Number:                  | Home Phone Number:                  |
| Mobile/Secondary Phone Number:      | Mobile/Secondary Phone Number:      |

#### CPS DISASTER POLICY

If a disaster or emergency situation is declared, you must follow any orders implemented in response to the declaration for the area in which you live.

You must evacuate if an evacuation is mandated (required) for the area in which you live. Once you reach your evacuation destination, you are required to contact DFPS as soon as possible. If the local CPS office is closed, you may call the DFPS Hotline (1-800-252-5400) to make the required notification. In the event of a major disaster, the DFPS public website (www.dfps.state.tx.us) will post information about how to contact DFPS and the status of local office closures. In some situations, DFPS will send you a Send Word Now (SWN) text message to verify your safety and to assess immediate needs.

If DFPS cannot reach you following an evacuation, disaster, or other emergency situation, they will contact the emergency contacts listed on this form.



| MY PLAN FOR DISASTERS THAT OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING   |
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| <ul> <li>1. In the event an emergency occurs without warning that prevents me from returning to my home (for example, fire, flash flooding, act of terrorism), I (we) plan to (check one):</li> <li>Stay with family/friends</li> <li>Names:</li> <li>Addresses:</li> <li>Phone:</li> <li>Stay in a hotel</li> <li>Other, describe:</li> </ul> |
| 2. What is your alternate plan?<br>Describe:   |



|    | MY PLAN FOR DISASTERS THAT OCCUR WITH WARNING  |
|----|--|
| 1. | What I (we) will do if an evacuation is not required<br>a. In the event there is a warning that a potential disaster such as a<br>hurricane or tornado could head toward my (our) residence, but officials do<br>not mandate (require) that people evacuate, I (we) plan to (check one):<br>Evacuate |
|    | To a family/friend's home:   Names:   Addresses:   Phone:   To a hotel   To a shelter  |
|    | <ul> <li>Other, describe:</li> <li>b. What is your alternate plan? Describe:</li> </ul>  |
| 2. | What I (we) will do if an evacuation is required<br>a. If an evacuation for my area were mandated (required), I (we) would go (check one):<br>Evacuate<br>To a family/friend's home:<br>Names:<br>Addresses:<br>Phone:<br>To a hotel<br>To a shelter<br>Other, describe:                             |
| 3. | Who would provide transportation for you to evacuate (check one)?<br>Self<br>Other (Name and Phone Number):  |



| 4. Is there anyone in your home who would require special attention during an evacuation (check one)? Yes  |
|--|
| • Name(s):   |
| Type of attention needed:  |
| How will children who are younger than 24 months of age be evacuated and relocated to a designated safe area or alternate shelter?   |
| • How will children who have limited mobility or who otherwise may need assistance in an emergency, be evacuated and relocated to a designated safe area or alternate shelter? |
| How will you ensure that the medications or medical equipment will be available to children?   |
| No<br>Please make additional comments here:  |
|  |

#### PROTOCOL FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS, INJURY, AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

1. Notify your DFPS FAD Caseworker immediately

- If anyone residing in your foster home becomes ill with a serious or highly contagious illness, or is suspected of having contracted a pandemic illness; or
- Of any other events which may affect your capacity to care for the children.

2. Continue to update DFPS with significant changes to your health and the children's health as well as that of anyone who is approved to care for the children



#### BASIC DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPARATION INFORMATION

Examples of emergency situations and disasters are numerous and can include a single house fire or a hurricane that destroys cities. They can occur without warning and at any time of year, so it is important for everyone in the home to be prepared at all times.

If you must evacuate your home, make sure that you have all necessary contact information and supplies that will be needed while you are gone. Evacuations can last less than a day or for an unknown period of time.

You should take, at a minimum, the following items:

- at least a two-week supply of medication in its container (if applicable);
- other medical supplies and equipment (such as first aid kit, glasses, face masks, gloves, etc.);
- important paperwork (such as placement and medical authorizations and the educational portfolio and Medicaid card for each child);
- this form; and
- contact information for your caseworker and his or her supervisor.

Even if the emergency situation does not require evacuation, you should make sure you have the above items readily available.

You should always have enough emergency supplies to last your family at least one week. Examples of necessary supplies are non-perishable and canned food, water, medicine, first aid supplies, batteries, flashlights, diapers, and a battery-powered radio.

You should also have information on local emergency services (addresses and telephone numbers) written down in a secure place.

More information on preparing for a disaster can be located online at the Red Cross's disaster preparedness website, <u>www.redcross.org/prepare</u>.

Call 2-1-1 to find out information about shelters as well as emergency and disaster related-related services.

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

DFPS values your privacy. For more information, read our Privacy and Security Policy.

| SIGNATURES   |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Signing this form indicates that I have read and understand the CPS Disaster Policy. |                                   |
| Caregiver #1:  | Date Signed:                      |
| X  |                                   |
| Caregiver #2:  | Date Signed:                      |
| X  |                                   |
| Caseworker Name and Phone Number:  | Supervisor Name and Phone Number: |
|  |                                   |

#### **Statement of Health Form**

What does Statement of Health mean/what do with Statement of Health form?

- There are a series of questions asking whether you are in good health and are emotionally stable enough to care for a foster child/ren.
- You will schedule an appointment with your doctor or a doctor and will need the doctor to sign off on the paper.

#### Weapons Inventory

- Weapons must always be locked away
- If the weapon is a gun, the ammunition and the gun must be locked away *separately*.
- If you do not happens, simply mark off there are no weapons in the home

#### TB Test

Prospective foster parent/s and all household members +1 must take a TB Test.

There is no agency form for this because it must be done at a clinic

Search "Where to get a TB test" and choose the most convenient and cost effective option for you.

Note: it is sometimes called PPD as well

*Note:* The tuberculosis testing process **has 2 parts**: The tuberculin skin test (TST) & the TST result assessment. You must return for a follow-up visit **within 48 to 72 hours** of the first visit to complete the TB test.

Potential TB Test Site - CVS:

https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/services/tb-testing/in-person-visit

- Follow instructions after clicking link
- Potential TB Test Site Any Lab Test Now:

https://www.anylabtestnow.com/test-finder/?category\_id=431

- Go to "show more results" until you find - TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST -

Please note: you do not have to use these links, these are some resources that may help

### Where to get a Fire Inspection

#### **Brazoria County:**

https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/10312/63686773 9259570000

- Phone number: (979) 864-1201
- General Website: <u>https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/home</u>

#### Fort Bend County:

https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments/public-safety/fire-mars hal/annual-inspection

- Phone number: (281) 238-1500
- General Website: <u>https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/</u>

Harris County: https://www.hcfmo.net/Divisions/Prevention/Existing-Facilities

- Phone number: (281) 436-8000
- General Website: <u>https://www.hcfmo.net/</u>

#### **Montgomery County:**

<u>https://www.mctx.org/departments/departments\_d - f/fire\_marshal/life\_safety\_ins</u> <u>pections.php</u>

- Phone number: (936) 538-8288
- General Website: <u>https://www.mctx.org/</u>

# Please attach a copy of the following documents:

Current Driver's License

□ Social Security Card

Homeowner/Renter's Insurance

□ Auto Insurance

□ Proof of Education

□ Marriage License

Divorce Decree (if applicable)

□ Floor Plan of Foster Home (sq. ft of each room)

Employment Verification (pay stub) **60 days** 

□ W-2 Previous Year **OR** Bank Statement

TB Test

□Fire Inspection

□ Health Inspection

□Gas Inspection