

**Foster Parent Checklist:
Information You Need To Protect Yourself From
An Inappropriate Placement And From False Allegations**

**GET ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS IN WRITING AND HAVE CASE
MANAGER SIGN OFF ON HIS OR HER RESPONSES.**

Child's name: _____

- 1. Who is the custodian of this child?**
- 2. How long has this child been in state custody?**
- 3. What are the reasons the child came into care?**
- 4. What is the permanency plan?**
- 5. When is the next court hearing?**
- 6. Is this child believed to have suffered physical or sexual abuse?**
 - a. Get as many details as possible.**
- 7. In how many foster homes or other placements has the child been during this or prior stays in foster care?**
 - a. Get names, addresses, phone numbers and ensure you have permission to call and speak with prior caregivers.**
 - b. Determine reasons child left placement.**
 - c. Determine whether there were other children in those homes with this child, their ages and sexes, and how this child interacted with them and with other caretaker's own children.**
- 8. Has this child exhibited any type of problematic behavior, including:**
 - a. Sexualized behavior?**
 - b. Making up stories or lying?**
 - c. Improper physical boundaries?**
 - d. Hitting, biting, or other physical outbursts?**
 - e. Attempts to destroy or damage property?**
 - f. Threats to harm self or others?**
 - g. Attempts to harm self or others?**
 - h. Bladder or bowel control?**
 - i. Self-mutilation, pulling own hair, cutting, etc?**
 - j. Fascination with fire?**
 - k. Obsessive or compulsive behavior?**

9. Has child had any psychological or medical evaluations? If so, obtain copies of all evaluations. Note which ones were received.
10. What if any medical or psychological/psychiatric diagnoses does this child have?
11. Is this child on any medication? If so, get administration details (dosage, side-effects, time) and a description of what the medication is for.
12. Has this child ever been charged with, or have you received information indicating he or she may be charged with, a crime or allegation of delinquency? Get all details and determine the status of those charges, including any punishment or treatment required of the child.
13. Has this child been placed in any type of psychiatric hospital, crisis stabilization facility, or other residential behavioral facility? When, why, and for how long?
14. Has any other caretaker or foster parent asked that this child be removed from placement? If so, find out when and why.
15. Given that (describe who else is in your home), are there any special precautions we should take to protect (the residents of your home) from this child's actions or to protect this child from others in the home?
16. If this child begins to act in a way that concerns me, do I have the right to have the child removed? How long does that take? What is the procedure for making that request?
17. Whom do I call in the event I need immediate assistance with this child?

I have provided the above information this ____ day of _____, 20__

Agency Representative

After receiving the above information, I agree to accept this child into my home (with the following conditions) this ____ day of _____, 20__

Foster Parent