

**PLACEMENT QUESTIONS**

*Following is a list of questions that might be asked of a DYFS foster care facilitator when they call to offer you a child, or of a DYFS case worker who is preparing to bring a child to your home:*

About the Child

- What is the child's name / nickname?
- Are there any behavioral problems or unusual habits?
- What are the child's likes, dislikes, favorite foods, TV shows, etc.?
- Does the child have any known fears (for example, the dark, dogs)?
- Does the child have regular sleeping habits?

Clothing

- Is the child coming with sufficient clothing, or will the caseworker provide a clothing allowance check?

Medical Information

- Will the caseworker be bringing a Medicaid card? If not, when can one be expected?
- Will the caseworker be taking the child for a physical examination?
- How is the child's general health?
- Is the child taking any medication? If so, instructions for administering the medication must be provided in writing.
- Does the child require any ongoing medical treatments? If so, the specific details of these treatments must be provided in writing.
- Are the child's immunization records available? If not, how can they be obtained?
- Does the child have any allergies (food, drugs, animals)?
- Who are the child's doctors and dentist? When were they last seen?

Developmental/Educational Information

- Is the child developmentally on target?
- Is the child enrolled in school?
- Will the child be transferring schools? If so, has the necessary transfer paperwork been completed?
- What is the child's grade level?
- Is the child involved in special education? If so, a copy of the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) must be provided.
- Does the child have any specific problems in school?

Family Situation

- Where are the child's relatives (birth parents, siblings, others)?
- Would it be appropriate for me to meet members of the birth family?
- What are the visitation arrangements – when, where, and how often?
- Why is the child in out-of-home placement?
- How long has the child been living outside the home?

DYFS Contact Information

- What is the caseworker's name and telephone number?
- What is the name and phone number of the caseworker's supervisor?
- What local office is managing the child's case?
- Who is the child's law guardian?
- Does the child have a CASA?