Ohio Department Of Job and Family Services

CHILD CHARACTERISTICS CHECKLIST FOR FOSTER CARE AND/OR ADOPTION

(Required for use with the JFS 01673)

Note: A person seeking to provide foster care or to adopt a minor who knowingly makes a false statement that is included in the written report of a home study conducted pursuant to Section 3107.02 or Section 5103.03 of the Revised Coed is guilty of the offense of falsification under Section 2921.13 of the Revised Code. A homestudy with a knowingly false statement shall not be filed with the court and if filed may be struck from the court's records.

Name of Applicant # 1	Name of Applicant # 2	Date completed or updated
Address of Applicant(s)		Applicant's Phone
Name of Representing Agency and/or A	gent	Phone
Address of Representative and/or Agent		Fax

Instructions: Please print. Use the list below to let us know the type of child(ren) you would like to foster and/or adopt. Place an X in the appropriate box. If characteristics would be different for foster care than adoption, place an "A" for adoption and an "F" for foster care.

	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
Gender/S	Sex of Chil	ld
Female		
Male		
Age	of Child	
Newborn/under 1		
1		
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14		
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Over age 17		
Number of CI	nildren/Sil	olings
1		
2		
3		
4		
5 or more		
Teen Parent with Child		

	Will	Will not
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Race/Ethnicity/Language of Chi		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	\vdash	\vdash
Black or African American		
White		
Asian		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
Biracial (2 of the races above must be selected)		
Multiracial (3 or more of the races above must be selected)		
Unable to determine (applies to deserted child or safe haven baby only)		
Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity		
Non-English Speaking/specify language:		
Placement History		
Child's first placement: no known behavior problems		
Child's first placement: agency has no information on child		
Child now in residential treatment		
Child has had previous foster placement(s)		
Child has had previous adoptive placement(s)		
Birth History		
Low birth weight or premature		
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome		
Fetal Alcohol Effects		
Positive toxicology screen at birth (one or more of the following: Cocaine, Amphetamines, Heroin, Morphine, Phencyclidine (PCP), Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Hydromorphone, Marijuana, Propoxyphene, Methadone, Codeine)		
Prenatal Drug Exposure (one or more of the following: Cocaine, Amphetamines, Heroin, Morphine, Phencyclidine (PCP), Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Hydromorphone, Marijuana, Propoxyphene, Methadone, Codeine)		
Drug Addiction at Birth (heroin, methadone, morphine, or other)		

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	consider	consider
Development		
Mental Retardation: Mild		
Mental Retardation: Moderate		
Mental Retardation: Severe/Profound		
Failure to Thrive (organic or environmental)		
Speech Problems: Mild/may require therapy		
Speech Problems: Moderate/requires		
therapy		1 -
Speech Problems: Severe/requires therapy	 	
Hearing Impairment/Not Deaf: Mild Hearing Impairment/Not Deaf:		
Moderate/Requires treatment		
Hearing Impairment/Not Deaf:		
Severe/Requires treatment		
Deaf		
Visually Impaired/Not Blind: Mild/requires		
treatment		
Visually Impaired/Not Blind:		
Moderate/requires treatment		
Visually Impaired/Not Blind: Severe/requires		
treatment	 	
Blind		
Orthopedic Impairment: Requires special shoes		
Orthopedic Impairment: Requires leg brace		
Orthopedic Impairment: Requires other		
treatment		
Dental		
Dental Problems (may include tooth decay,		
missing teeth, crowded or misaligned teeth,		
overbite, under bite)		
Orthodontia required	<u> </u>	
Allergies and Respirator	ry Probler	ms \Box
Allergies: Food Allergies: Drugs	+ +	+
Allergies: Drugs Allergies: Environmental	+ $+$	$+$ \dashv
Asthma: No treatment required	 	$+$ \dashv
Asthma: Treatment required		
Other Medical Con	ditions	
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder		
Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)		
Juvenile Arthritis		
AIDS		
HIV		\bot
Cancer: In remission	<u> </u>	
Cancer: Requires treatment	<u> </u>	├
Cerebral Palay: Mild	 	+ $+$
Cerebral Palsy: Moderate	+ +	┼ ├ ├
Cerebral Palsy: Severe Cleft lip/palate (may require surgery)	$+$ \dashv	$+$ \dashv
Cleft lip/palate (linay require surgery) Cleft lip/palate (already corrected)	+	
Cystic Fibrosis: Mild	 	<u> </u>
Cystic Fibrosis: Moderate	T	
Cystic Fibrosis: Severe	ΤĦ	
Diabetes: Insulin-dependent		
Diabetes: Non-insulin dependent		
Down's Syndrome		
Heart Disorder: Minor (may need surgery)		

	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
Other Medical Conditions	(continue	ed)
Heart Disorder: Major (may need surgery)		
Hemophilia		
Hepatitis (may require treatment)		
Family history of Huntington's Disease		
Hydrocephaly		<u> </u>
Lead Poisoning (may require treatment)	닏ᆜ	
Lice (may require treatment)		
Chronic liver disease (may require		
Macrocephalic		
Microcephalic		
Missing limb(s) (may require prosthesis)		
Muscular Dystrophy Neurofibromatosis		
Currently pregnant Previous Pregnancy(ies)	片片	\vdash
Seizures	H	H H
Seizure Disorder (other than Epilepsy)	H	H H
Epilepsy	H	\vdash
History of sexually transmitted disease		
(syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes simplex II,		
chlamydia, other)		
Currently has sexually transmitted disease		
(syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes simplex II,		
chlamydia, other)		
Sickle Cell Disease		
Sickle Cell Trait	T T	T T
Spina Bifida	Ī	Ħ
Tuberous Sclerosis		
Tuberculosis		
Previous Medical Hospitalizations		
Previous Surgeries		
Medication		
Requires daily medication for one or more		
conditions		
Requires Specialize	d Care	
Non-Ambulatory		
Physically Disabled		
Physical Therapy: Short-term		
Physical Therapy: Long-term		
Occupational Therapy: Short-term		
Occupational Therapy: Long-term		
Requires Intermittent Medical Treatment &		
Evaluation		
Requires Specialized In-	Home Car	re
Tracheotomy		
Naso-gastric tube	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gastric tube		
Apnea monitor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Nebulizer	<u> Ц</u>	
Requires Lifelong Medical Treatment	<u> </u>	
Requires Lifelong Supervision	<u> </u>	
Limited Life Expec	tancy	
Terminally III (life expectancy less than 1 yr.)		
Limited life expectancy due to chronic illness		
or disabling condition		

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	Will consider	Will not consider
Sleeping Problen		Consider
Sleep Apnea		ТП
Nightmares		+ $+$
Afraid of sleeping in the dark		+ $+$
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Sleep walking	H	+
Bedwetting (Enuresis – over 5 years of age,		
at night)		
Soils bed at night (Encopresis)		
Dietary or Eating Pro	blems	<u> </u>
Requires special diet		
Bulimia (may require treatment)		
Anorexia (may require treatment)		
Pica		
Hoarding food		
Overeating		
MENTAL / EMOTIONAL	HEALTH	
Requires or is currently in counseling/therapy		
Refuses counseling/therapy or medication		
Previous psychiatric hospitalization		
Has Mental Health Dia	gnosis	
Adjustment disorder		
Autism or Asperger's Syndrome		
Bi-polar disorder		$\perp \perp \perp \perp$
Conduct disorder		 ↓
Depression		⊢
Intermittent explosive disorder	<u> </u>	
Oppositional Defiant Disorder	<u> </u>	
Schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder		
Reactive Attachment Disorder		\perp
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Ш	
Requires medication for psychiatric disorder / mental health problem		
Education / Preschoo	I Child	
Requires Early Intervention Services for		
developmental delay		
Attends Head Start		
Attends Therapeutic Head Start		
Education / School Ag	e Child	
High Achiever	<u> </u>	
Achieves at grade level in regular classes		\perp
Achieves at below grade level in regular		
classes	_	
Child struggles with school	<u> </u>	+
Child has repeated grade		\vdash
Cognitive Functioning: Above Average		\vdash
Cognitive Functioning: Average		
Cognitive Functioning: Below Average Has Behavior Problems in School:		$+$ \Box
Occasionally		
Has Behavior Problems in School: Frequently		
Academic Problems: Occasionally		╁
Academic Problems: Coccasionally Academic Problems: Frequently		╁
Needs Tutoring in One or More Subjects		
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Education / School Age Ch		
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Truancy		
Suspension(s)	⊢⊢	<u> </u>
Expulsion(s)	⊢⊢	<u> </u>
Academically Behind Due to Poor Attendance		Ш
Child is involved in after school activities		
(sports, dance, clubs, etc.)	_	_
Child is in alternative school for emotional,		
developmental, psychological, or behavior		
problems		
Special Education		
Child is in or requires special education clas	ses for:	Π
Cognitive disability (Developmental		
Handicap/DH)		
Emotional Disturbance (Severe Emotional		
Disability, SBH)		
Specific Learning Disability (Dyslexia, etc.)	\vdash	
Hearing Impairment/deafness		
Speech or Language Impairment	片	<u> </u>
Visual Impairment/blindness		
Orthopedic Impairment	닏닏	닏닏
Autism	닏닏	닏닏
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Deaf-blind	<u> </u>	
Other Health Impairment		
Multiple Disabilities (2 or more of above		
disabilities)		
Temperament and Pers	sonality	
Shy		
Energetic	⊢⊢	\vdash
Sweet	닏닏	\vdash
Withdrawn, tunes out	닏	<u> </u>
Quiet	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Responsible	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bold	\vdash	\vdash
Respectful/courteous	닏닏	\vdash
Timid	닏	<u> </u>
Anxious		
Honest		
Positive Attitude		
Resourceful		
Outgoing and Social		
Pleasant		
Calm/laid back		
Eager to Please	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reserved	<u> </u>	ᆜᆜ
Active	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Overactive		
Boisterous		
Bossy		
Attention Seeking		
Compulsive		

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	Will consider	Will not consider
Behaviors and Charact	eristics	
Head banging		
Rocking		
Tendency to reject father figures		
Tendency to reject mother figures		
Follows adult directions		
Tends to form superficial relationships		
Difficulty in attaching		
Not affectionate		
Fearful		\sqcup
Overly dependent	\vdash	\vdash \vdash
Manipulative		\vdash
Stubborn Defiant		
Difficulty making friends and relating with other children		
Wets during the day Soils him/herself during the day		\vdash
Temper Tantrums: Mild		$\vdash \vdash \vdash$
Temper Tantrums: Moderate		$\vdash \vdash \vdash$
Temper Tantrums: Moderate Temper Tantrums: Severe		
Poor social skills	H	H
Child can be disruptive in social settings	П	H
Difficulty accepting and obeying rules	П	
Masturbation: Occasionally	П	
Masturbation: Frequently	H	
Masturbation: Past	Ħ	
Masturbation: Private		
Masturbation: Public		
Biting		
Lying		
Stealing		
Frequently starts physical fights with other		
children		
Physically aggressive toward other children		\vdash
Physically aggressive toward adults		<u> </u>
Gang Involvement (past)		\vdash \vdash
Gang Involvement (present)	<u> </u>	\vdash
Self-abusive, self-harming		\vdash
Suicidal thoughts or attempts		\vdash
Poor anger management Substance Use and A	\huse	
	ADUSE	
Smokes cigarettes Chews tobacco	H H	H H
Alcohol use		
Alcohol abuse		H
Marijuana		
Other substance abuse	Н	H
Requires or has completed treatment program		
for substance abuse	Ш	
Other Behaviors	3	•
Runaway: Occasionally		
Runaway: Frequently		
Runaway: Past		
Breaks curfew		
Tendency to abuse animals		
Destructive of: Clothing, toys		
Destructive of: Household property		
Destructive of: School or other public		
property		

	Will consider	Will not consider
Other Behaviors (con		CONSIDE
Uses foul language		П
Child involved in group or activity that		
physically sets itself apart from the	_	
mainstream and focuses on negative or		
deviant themes		
Child obsessed with guns, knives, explosives,		
or other destructive devices or themes		
Currently plays with matches/lighters		
Fire setting		
Sexual Behavio	r	
Sexually active		
Seductive	<u> </u>	
History of inappropriate sexual behavior	\vdash	<u> </u>
Child involved in prostitution		
Known sexual perpetrator	\vdash	<u> </u>
Sexual offender (juvenile adjudication)		
Sexual perpetrator who has successfully		
completed treatment		
Child at risk for offending sexual behaviors	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$	느느
Child has initiated sexual behavior toward		
other children or adults		
Sexually acting out behavior (may include	_	
frequent masturbation, exposing or frequent		
touching of genitals, etc.)		
Child has an alternative sexual orientation	l –	
(may include homosexual, bisexual or transgender lifestyles)		
Juvenile Court Involv	oment	
Unruly adjudication		
Theft: Past conviction or current charges		
Breaking curfew: Past conviction or current		
charges		
Domestic violence: Past conviction or		
current charges		
Cruelty to animals: Past conviction or current		
charges		
Crime using a weapon: Past conviction or		
current charges		
Other delinquency adjudication(s)		
Previously Incarcerated		
Previously Incarcerated Currently incarcerated Registered sex offender		
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	Will consider	Will not consider
Current or Previous Charge or		
Rape		
Sexual battery		H
Gross sexual imposition		H
Conspiracy to commit aggravated murder or		
murder	Ш	Ш
Use or possession of a firearm or body armor		
in an offense that would be considered a		
felony if committed by an adult.		
Family History		
Child has strong ties to birth family		
Child needs continued contact with parents		
Child needs continued contact with siblings		
Child needs continued contact with other		
relatives		
Child has strong ties to foster family and		
needs continued contact		
Child has strong ties to a non-related		
significant other and needs continued contact		
Sexually abused: Indirect		
Sexually abused: Direct		
Physically abused		
Psychologically or emotionally abused		
Child victim of physical neglect		
Child victim of emotional neglect		
Child exposed to domestic violence		
Child conceived as a result of rape		
Child conceived as a result of prostitution		
Child conceived as a result of incest		
Incest family history		
Criminal record		
History of one or both	parents	
Child exposed to mental illness by other than		
family member		
One or both parents have mental retardation		
Family history of domestic violence		
Child exposed to domestic violence by other		
than family member		

	Will	Will not
	consider	consider
History of one or both	parents	
One or both parents have alcohol addiction		
One or both parents have drug addiction		
Mother used alcohol during pregnancy		
Mother used drugs during pregnancy		
Agency has no information about the birth father		
Agency has no information about either parent (i.e. 'safe haven' baby)		
One or both parents have criminal record		
One or both parents have diagnosed me	ental illness	
Depression		
Bi-polar disorder		
Schizophrenia		
Borderline personality disorder		
Other personality disorder		
Intermittent explosive disorder		
FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT INVOL FAMILY Foster/Adoptive Parent is wi		БІКІП
Meet birth parents		
Have contact with birth parents through agency or intermediary		
Send letters to birth parent		
Receive letters from birth parents		
Send videos to birth parents		
Receive videos from birth parents		
Have phone contact between adults		
Have child continue visits with siblings		
Have child continue visits with extended relatives in birth family		
Receive birth parents' name, address, phone number, etc.		
Give birth parents the foster caregiver's or adoptive parent's first name		
Give birth parents foster/adoptive family identifying information		

Adoptive/Foster Parent Statement of Understanding

I/we understand that I/we will not be considered for matching with any child with a characteristic outside the criteria noted on this checklist. I/we understand that the agency will place children based on characteristics known to the agency at the time of placement. I/we also understand that I/we may revise this checklist at any time by contacting my/our adoption or foster home worker.

Adoptive/Foster Parent's Signature	Date
Adoptive/Foster Parent's Signature	Date
Assessor's Signature	Date
Supervisor's Signature	Date

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