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## FOSTER HOME STUDY STANDARDS COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

<b>Foster Home:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Home Study Date:</b>	
<b>Home Study Conducted By:</b>	

Standard Description	Compliance			Comments
	Yes	No	N/A	
Agency maintains a record for each foster family containing all information & documentation as required by licensing standards				
<b>APPROVAL OF FOSTER HOMES</b>				
Agency shall complete a home study of each foster home to determine if the home is compliant with licensing standards				
Agency shall conduct at least 2 visits with the foster parent applicants, 1 visit must be in the home and all age appropriate family members should be interviewed				
Agency must obtain 3 confidential, personal references on the family				
Each member of the foster family shall have a physical exam within 6 months before the initial approval of the home				
Agency shall ensure that the foster parents attend at least 32 hours of preservice training before placing a child in the home				
In addition to preservice training, the foster shall receive CPR and First Aid training within 90 days of approval				
The agency shall specify in the home study the number, age, sex, and other characteristics of children for whom the family is approved to provide care				
Foster parents shall provide documentation that they carry homeowner's renter's and liability insurance				
<b>PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS/ HOME STUDY</b>				
Foster parents and each member of the household age 10 and older will have a Central Registry Check				
Persons required to have the Central Registry Check shall repeat the check every 2 years				
Foster parents and all household members age 14 and over shall have an ASP background check per Act 1041. Foster Parents shall				

certify that members of the household age 13 and under do not have a criminal record				
Foster parents and all household members age 16 years and older shall have a national FBI background check				
Persons required to have the ASP background check shall repeat the check every 5 years				
No person guilty of an excluding criminal offense per Act 1041(9)(e)(1) shall be permitted to have direct and unsupervised contact with children				
Foster Parents and all household members age 14 years and older must have a local background criminal record check				
Persons required to have the Local Background background check shall repeat the check every two years				
All household members who may transport a foster child, must have a driving record check completed.				
In a 2 person home, the husband and wife shall be joint applicants, shall each actively participate in the approval process and shall provide documentation that they have been married 2 years				
The stability of the foster home shall be evaluated and be determined to be appropriate.				
Foster parents shall be at least 21 years of age and under 65 years of age				
All household members 12 years of age and older shall have a Mantoux TB skin test every 3 years as long as the test results remain negative				
All preschool age children in the home shall have proof of current health immunizations				
Foster parents shall be physically, mentally, and emotionally capable of caring for children				
The foster family shall provide documentation of sufficient financial resources to meet their needs				
Foster family shall provide a plan for child care if both parents are employed outside the home				
Each foster family shall obtain 15 hours of training annually.				
<b>PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE HOME</b>				
Foster home shall be accessible to community resources needed by the children placed there.				
Foster home shall be clean and free of hazards.				
Foster home shall have a continuous supply of sanitary drinking water. If source is not municipal water then it must be tested and approved by the Health Department				
Foster home shall have at least 1 flush toilet, 1 sink with hot/ cold running water, & 1 bath or shower with hot/ cold running water				
Operational smoke alarms shall be located within 10 feet of the kitchen and each bedroom				
A chemical fire extinguisher shall be located in the kitchen.				
Foster Parents shall practice and document emergency disaster drills with each new child entering the home and at least quarterly thereafter				
All heating units with hot external areas shall be screened or otherwise shielded to prevent contact with children				

Home shall have at least 2 exterior doors situated to provide safe exit.				
Home shall have an operational telephone.				
Each child shall have adequate space for storing clothing and personal belongings.				
All household pets shall have proof of current Rabies vaccinations (if appropriate)				
If firearms are kept in the home, they shall be maintained in a secure, locked location				
<b>SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS</b>				
Each bedroom shall have at least 50 square feet of floor space per occupant.				
Each bedroom used for foster children shall have a window to the outside				
No more than 4 children shall share a bedroom.				
Each foster child shall be provided with a comfortable bed in good condition				
Boys and girls shall not share the same bedroom if either child is 4 years old or older				
No child shall share a double bed if either child is 4 years old or older.				
No child under age 6 shall occupy a top bunk				
Foster children, except infants under age 2 years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults				
Each foster child shall be provided with clean bedding in good condition, that shall be laundered at least weekly, or as needed				
<b>MEDICATIONS</b>				
Foster parents shall administer medications only in accordance with directions on the label				
All medications shall be stored in a secure location, and psychotropic medications shall be kept securely locked.				
Foster parents shall be aware of possible side effects of all medications				
Foster children shall be transported only while wearing safety belts, or in child safety seats according to Arkansas law.				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Foster families shall have their own transportation available.				
Any vehicles used to transport foster children shall be maintained in compliance with motor vehicle laws and be insured.				
Foster parents shall allow foster children to be transported only by persons having a valid driver's license				
Foster children shall be transported only while wearing safety belts, or in child safety seats according to Arkansas law				
<b>RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOSTER PARENTS</b>				
Foster parents shall keep a file on each child that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Periodic photographs of the child</li> <li>b. Records of the child's memberships, activities, participation in extracurricular school or church activities</li> </ul>				
<b>MONITORING</b>				

