

PS-MAPP Family Profile

Part II – Profile for Couples

(The following information should be filled out together by all adults in the home.)

My Family Now – About Family Relationships

1. How do you think having a new child in your home will change your family's lifestyle?

2. For each emotional feeling shown below, how do you express or show that to others, to one another? If you have children, describe some ways you and your children show these feelings with each other.

Happiness: _____

Affection: _____

Anger: _____

Disappointment: _____

Frustration: _____

Sadness: _____

Stress: _____

3. How are decisions made in your family?

4. What causes the most arguments? How are arguments ended?

5. How is work in your family divided up? What happens when someone doesn't want to do their part?

6. If you have children now in your residence:

a. Who takes care of your children when you are not at home?

b. How will this plan change after a child is placed in your home?

7. If you or your spouse or partner had a serious illness, injury, or you died, what arrangements have you made for the care of:

a. Your child, if applicable? Is the arrangement in a written agreement or only a verbal agreement with someone? Please specify.

b. A child you are fostering or adopting?

8. If your family had some kind of financial, emotional, or health problems, whom could you turn to for help?

9. How do you think becoming a foster family or adoptive family will affect the following situations:

a. The amount of time you and your spouse or partner have alone together?

b. The amount of time you have with any children already in your home?

c. The way chores are divided in your family? _____

d. The condition of your home? _____

e. The way your family expresses happiness, love, affection, anger, disappointment, stress, frustration, and sadness?

f. The amount of money you have? _____

10. What do you think will be the most positive change foster care or adoption will have on your family?

11. What parts of foster care or adoption do you think might be most difficult for you?

12. What role does spirituality or religion play in your family life?

13. Are you affiliated with a particular religion?

Yes No

What is your level of participation?

14. How difficult would it be for you to help a child participate in a religion other than your own or the child has no religion and does not want to participate in your religion?

If the child has no formal religious experience, would you consult with the child's parents as to their wishes for their child?

Yes No

15. What would you do to help the child feel comfortable in your home and neighborhood?

16. If you have discussed your desire to foster or adopt with close relatives, how did they react?

If you have not, do you plan to discuss this with them?

Yes No

17. Would the child you described be accepted by your relatives, friends, and neighbors?

Yes No

Why or why not?

18. How would you help the child fit into your family while feeling good about who the child is?

19. What are your experiences with people who are a different culture from you or your family? What experiences have you had with other races and cultures?

20. How will you **help** a child maintain connections with a culture that is different from your own?

Would you consult the child's parents to assist you in maintaining the child's culture?

Yes No

My Family Now – About the Home and Community

1. Imagine that we are going to describe your home and neighborhood to a child we are going to place with you, or to the parents of that child. How would you like for us to describe your home and community?

2. Every family has rules (for example: no swearing, no walking around the house barefoot, using the computer). What are some examples of your family rules?

a. What rules can sometimes be broken? _____

b. What rules can never be broken? _____

3. Describe any pets you have. Please give the type of pet, name, and how long the pet has been in your family.

Are their required shots and immunizations currently up-to-date?

Yes No

4. If a child is placed with you and was afraid of your pets, or became allergic to the pet, what would you do?

Has any of your pets ever hurt or bitten someone?

Yes No

If yes, what is your plan to prevent this from happening?

5. How do you plan to handle privacy and nudity in your home?

6. What is your relationship with your neighbors? How do they feel about you becoming a foster or adoptive family?

7. Do you own any weapons or firearms?
 Yes No

If yes, where do you store them?

8. Please identify the people who most regularly visit your home or whose homes you regularly visit.

9. How long have you lived at your present residence? _____

a. Was your present residence built before 1960?
 Yes No

b. Do you know if your residence is free of lead paint?
 Yes No Unknown

c. Where are your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers located in your residence?

10. Type of home (check one):

Apartment Duplex Single-family home
 Mobile home Other: _____

11. Do you have private well water?

Yes No If yes, how often is it tested?

12. How do you get to the following places?

Grocery store _____
Doctors' offices _____
Hospital _____
Department store _____
Place of worship _____

13. Do you have a car seat that meets current safety requirements for infants and toddlers and a booster seat for children up to the age of 6?

Yes No

If you intend to foster or adopt children between the ages of 0 and 6, and do not have car seats, how will you arrange to have car seats for them to use?

14. How many children can your vehicle safely hold? _____

15. What are the ways in which a new child placed in your home might cause some problems or concerns in keeping your home and housekeeping standards?

16. If you have a computer, where is it located? What are your rules for using the computer?
