



### Casey Foster Applicant Inventory – Alaska Native Version

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Case ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Worker's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married and living with a spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married, separated from spouse   | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never married, not cohabitating  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cohabitating – married previously |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cohabitating – never married     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                       |

Gender:

- Female  
 Male

How many birth or adoptive children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many birth or adoptive children live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How many step-children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many step-children live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to provide kinship care? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

What is your current employment status?

- Employed full-time (30 hours or more per week)
- Employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week)
- Unemployed and looking for work
- Homemaker, not employed outside of the home
- Disabled or retired, not employed outside of the home
- Other (please specify)

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- No schooling completed
- Nursery school to 4th grade
- 5th grade or 6th grade
- 7th grade or 8th grade
- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade
- 12th grade, NO DIPLOMA
- High School Graduate - High school diploma or the equivalent (i.e. GED)
- 1 or more years of college, no degree
- Associate degree (i.e. AA, AS)
- Bachelors degree (i.e. BA, AB, BS)
- Masters degree (i.e. MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
- Professional degree (i.e. MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
- Doctorate degree (i.e. PhD, EdD)

What is your race? Check one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native:<br>Tribe _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese   | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino  | <input type="checkbox"/> Some Other Race : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese  | <input type="checkbox"/> White                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean  | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |

*Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Select "No" if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.*

- No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino*
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano*
- Yes, Puerto Rican*
- Yes, Cuban*
- Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino: \_\_\_\_\_*

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Please place an “X” in the box for each item that best describes you.

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
1. I'll set rules for my foster child.				
2. I'm respectful to people I'm upset with.				
3. I may lose my temper when I'm stressed out.				
4. Some children need to be spanked to get them to behave.				
5. I discipline children in an age-appropriate, respectful way.				
6. No known or suspected sex offenders will be allowed around my foster children.				
7. I'll monitor my foster child's internet use.				
8. Children's good behavior should be praised.				
9. My family will encourage my foster child to participate in our celebrations and traditions.				
10. My relatives are supportive of me fostering.				
11. I'll make our family rules clear to foster children.				
12. I'll work hard to help my foster child do the best s/he can in school.				
13. I'll encourage foster children to explore possibilities for education or training after high school.				
14. I have time to help my foster child with school work.				
15. I worry about being able to work well with my foster child's teachers.				
16. I'll speak with the school to meet my foster child's needs.				
17. I can make time to take a foster child to appointments, if needed.				

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18. Children need regular mealtimes and bedtimes.				
19. I'll seek the support needed to handle problems that might come up with my foster child.				
20. I'll make sure my foster child bathes and grooms regularly.				
21. I'll make sure that my foster child has regular medical and dental check-ups.				
22. I can provide healthy meals and snacks for my foster child.				
23. I'm good at solving problems, even when I don't know the cause.				
24. If foster children refuse to tell what's bothering them, I can't help them.				
25. I'm willing to go to cultural activities and events with my foster child of a different tribe, clan, or village.				
26. I can seek help from people who share my foster child's culture, tribe, clan, or village.				
27. I'll provide foods from my foster child's culture, when available.				
28. I'll find out about health issues that are common in my foster child's race or ethnicity.				
29. I'll learn how I can help my foster child maintain connections to his/her culture.				
30. I'm committed to keeping my foster child for as long as the child needs to remain in care.				
31. I'm committed to keeping my foster child even if their difficult behavior doesn't get better.				
32. My family has regular routines.				
33. My foster child's progress (even if it's slow) will keep me going as a foster parent.				
34. I'm willing to ask for help when I need it.				
35. I'm worried about handling several demanding roles at one time.				
36. I can afford some out-of-pocket expenses to care for my foster child.				
37. I'll help my foster child continue a relationship with his/her family.				
38. I won't say bad things about my foster child's birth parent(s).				
39. I'll let my foster child keep gifts and pictures from family.				
40. I'm able to help my foster child who is trying to be loyal to both me and his/her parent(s).				
41. I won't be able to handle it if my foster child goes home and the family hasn't changed.				
42. I'm willing to work respectfully with birth parents of a different race, ethnicity, tribe, clan, or village than mine.				

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43. I'm willing to maintain a relationship with my foster child after s/he returns home.				
44. I can't provide good foster care if a worker is too busy to help me.				
45. I'll need a lot of agency support to foster well.				
46. It's ok with me that the agency doesn't allow spanking.				
47. I can work with a worker of a different race or ethnic group than my own.				
48. I'll report my foster child's behavior to the social worker.				
49. I'm able to parent with limited information about my foster child.				
50. I can deal with not knowing when my foster child might leave my care.				
51. I'm willing to change in order to meet my foster child's needs.				
52. I don't think I need foster parent training.				
53. I plan to get information and training on how to care for the individual needs of my foster child.				

## CO-PARENTING

Please answer this set of questions if you currently are married or living with an adult in a committed, intimate relationship. If you are not currently married or living together, please go on to the next section.

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
54. My partner supports my fostering efforts.				
55. My partner and I have similar beliefs about how to parent foster children.				
56. My partner and I disagree on how to discipline children.				
57. My partner and I are used to talking about things that affect our family.				
58. Our relationship has been difficult because of the different ways we were raised.				
59. My partner and I share household chores and subsistence activities.				
60. My partner and I agree on how to discipline teenagers.				
61. My partner and I are used to solving problems together.				
62. My partner and I have a strong relationship.				
63. My partner and I will back each other up in parenting.				

## INTEGRATING FOSTER CHILDREN

Please answer this set of questions if you have birth, adoptive, or relative children. If not, please go on to the next section.

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
64. My children want to have a foster brother or sister.				
65. My children can deal with a foster child with serious problems.				
66. My children can handle foster children coming and going.				
67. I can foster a child who fights or argues with my children.				
68. I spank my children.				

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
69. I'll treat my children and foster children as equals.				
70. My children are worried about getting enough attention with foster children in the home.				
71. My children can handle loss.				
72. I will be fair in the treatment of biological/adoptive/relative children and foster children.				

### KINSHIP CARE

Please answer this set of questions if you are planning to provide care for a relative's child or a child you know. If not, you are finished with the assessment.

	None of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
73. My role as a foster parent may change my relationship with the family.				
74. My role as a foster parent may change my relationship with the child.				
75. There's too much conflict with the child's parent(s) for the placement to work.				
76. I can work with the foster care agency and remain loyal to my family.				
77. I would keep information from the agency to protect the child's parents.				
78. I am able to say no to my family members.				
79. I can protect the child from his/her parents, if needed.				
80. I'm worried about being harassed by the child's parent(s).				
81. I'm worried about being threatened by the child's parent(s).				
82. I'd let the child see his/her parents any time.				
83. I can ask for help when needed.				
84. I don't need any help caring for the child.				
85. I'll encourage the child to take back any statements that a family member abused him/her.				
86. My feelings toward the child's parents might interfere with providing care for the child.				
87. I feel pressured to take the child.				