

**South Carolina Department of Social Services**  
**CHECKLIST FOR FOSTER/ADOPTIVE HOME STUDY**

In addition to completing the forms provided in this packet, other documents are required. All of the following items must be submitted or completed during the course of completing the foster/adoptive home study. Your worker will provide assistance as needed.

- Application
- SLED/Protective Service Authorizations
- Fingerprint Report for each member of the household who is age 18 and above.
- Discipline Agreement form
- Financial Information form
- Family History form
- Copy of last year's W-2, tax return or the last three month's pay stubs
- Fourteen hours of training
- Disaster Preparedness Plan
- Autobiography (one from each applicant)
- Medical Report (one on each spouse, if married, and any adult members of your household)
- Medical Report on any minor children, under age 18, living in your home other than foster children
- Child Factors Checklist
- Openness Checklist
- Birth Certificates for each member of your household other than foster children
- Marriage License/Certificate (if applicable)
- Divorce Decree including Complaint for Divorce or Death Certificate for any previous marriages
- Military Discharge papers (if applicable)
- Copy of Social Security card
- Copy of Driver's License
- Two pictures of your family and home
- References (We must have at least three written responses to our requests for references in the file.) If addresses are incomplete or inaccurate, we will request additional references or information.

We will arrange for fire and sanitation inspections (including lead report) of your home, and we will contact you to schedule.