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438 Reapplication Summary Outline

CHAPTER 4, Adoption and Birth Parent Services

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- ◆ NOTE: SCDSS shall not deny a person the opportunity to become a foster or adoptive parent because of the family's or the child's race, color or national origin (RCNO).

Culture shall not be used as a proxy for RCNO. Families willing to foster and/or adopt children of a different RCNO shall not be subjected to differential treatment, including extra scrutiny.

1. Cover Page

Adoptive Applicants

Applicant Name:

Address:

Place of Birth:

Children in the Home

Child Name:

DOB:

Relationship:

Birth/Adopted:

Others in the Home

Name(s)/Relationship:

Description of the Home

Acceptance Factors

(Include special needs, age, legal risk, number of siblings)

2. **Current Situation**

- ♦ Include employment, work hours, child care arrangements, marital status, health of each family member, current finances and income, church or community involvement, housing situation, space available, and sleeping arrangements for additional children. Is any member of the household a paramour of the adoptive parent?

Address any situation that was a concern in the original home study. Address changes in family composition, including significant death and/or loss.

Include results of current SLED/CPS/FBI checks.

3. **Marriage**

- ♦ Describe how adoption has impacted the family and marital relationship. Have roles within the family changed? If so, how? Describe the acceptance of adopted children by extended family members.

4. **Parenting Experience**

- ♦ Address the previous adoption. Describe in detail how the family has adjusted to parenting, the special needs of the child(ren), the services the family is utilizing, and discipline methods. How is the family addressing adoption issues with the adopted child(ren) and the rest of the family? Talk to each child in the home and describe their feelings about adoption, the decision to adopt again, and how well they understand adoption. List each child's interests and

activities. Include school names, grades, and the child's performance in school, academically and socially. Describe each child's personality so adoption specialists can evaluate the type of child who will best fit into the existing family.

5. Family Preferences

- ♦ What type of child does this family want to adopt? List special needs and ages that family will accept. Address legal risk, openness, daycare plans, and readiness to adopt. Address what preparation the family will need to make before placement. How will the family handle jealousy between the child and previously adopted children? Why does the family want to adopt again?

6. References

- ♦ Contact two (2) references who have known the applicant(s) for the past three years and who were not used as references during the initial application/approval.

7. Summary/Recommendations

- ♦ Give a summary of family, their motivation to adopt, and the type child they want to adopt. List family strengths and any concerns. Give your recommendation regarding the family's approval.

Submitted by

Certified Investigator Date

Referenced Documents

Revision Comments

NOTE added to stress that RCNO shall not be used in making placement decisions or in assessing potential adoptive families.

Section 438, 1. revised to delete physical description of each adoptive applicant and to remove race from the acceptance factors.