

# Am I Ready to be a Foster and/or Adoptive Parent?

Circle "T" for true or "F" for false, for each statement below. This questionnaire will help you determine if you may be eligible or ready to become a Foster/Adoptive Parent.

**1. I HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN MY HOME FOR A FOSTER AND/OR ADOPTED CHILD. T/F**

You must have adequate bedroom space for a foster/adopted child. A foster/adopted child may share a bedroom with another child of the same sex but the child cannot share a bedroom with anyone over the age of 18.

**2. I AM READY TO HAVE A SAFETY INSPECTION OF MY HOME DONE NOW. T/F**

It is important that your home is safe and free of hazards. During the family assessment process, a checklist is completed that includes a safety inspection of your home. You must have working smoke detectors outside of the children's bedroom.

**3. I AM IN GOOD PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. T/F**

Being a parent can be demanding. You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for children who are in foster care or who are available for adoption. Part of the assessment process includes a health screening and a TB test.

**4. I HAVE NEVER HAD A FOUNDED ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASE WITH AN AGENCY. T/F**

If you have had a founded Child Protective Services case, you will not be able to become a foster/adoptive parent. We will review our records as well as any other state where the applicant(s) resided.

**5. I HAVE ADEQUATE INCOME TO MEET MY CURRENT FAMILY'S NEEDS. T/F**

You do not have to be rich to become a Foster/Adoptive Parent; however, you must have enough income to meet your own family's needs. During the assessment process, you will be asked to provide proof of income and to review family expenses.

**6. NO ADULT IN MY HOME HAS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME. T/F**

If you or any adult residing in your home has been convicted of certain criminal offenses, you cannot become a Foster/Adoptive Parent. Each household member over the age of 18 will be fingerprinted. To learn more about which crimes are prohibited, please call us at 853-2714 or 853-2619, attend orientation, or send us an e-mail.

**7. I AM READY TO BEGIN THE HOME STUDY PROCESS NOW. T/F**

You may be ready to begin the assessment/ home study process if your life and home are stable. "Stable" means that you are not about to move or undergo major renovations, and are not having financial, marital or emotional difficulties or will be making any major life changes.

If you answered "True" to all of the statements, you are ready to begin the process of becoming a foster/adoptive parent.

If you answered "False" to any statement, it will be helpful to talk with one of our Resource Parent Program Coordinators at the City of Roanoke Department of Social Services. Please contact our Resource Parent Program Coordinators via email at [fosterparent@roanokeva.gov](mailto:fosterparent@roanokeva.gov) or via phone at 540-853-2619 or 540-853-2714