

Draft RDS Model – Foster Family Characteristics

Questions of Potential Applicants for Foster Parenting

How did you first learn about contacting DSS about becoming a foster parent? (check all that apply)

- Public Poster
- Newspaper
- Church
- Teacher/School
- DSS
- Friend
- Family
- Other

What motivated you to contact DSS? (check all that apply)

- Want to learn more
- Desire to become foster parent
- Want to help my niece
- I was a foster child
- Other
- Comments:

Number of biological children in the home: _____

Number of adopted children in the home: _____

If so what are their age(s) and gender(s)?

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| Child 1 age: | gender: |
| Child 2 age: | gender: |
| Child 3 age: | gender: |
| Child 4 age: | gender: |
| Child 5 age: | gender: |

Have you been a foster parent before? Yes No

If so, where? County: State:

How would you describe that experience? (check all that apply)

- Very rewarding
- Somewhat rewarding
- Few problems
- Some challenges
- Very challenging
- Other

Comments:

Do you know other foster parents? Yes: No:

Generally, how might you describe their experience? (check all that apply)

- Very rewarding
- Somewhat rewarding
- Few problems
- Some challenges
- Very challenging
- Other
- Don't know
- Comments:

What do you see as the strengths you bring as a foster parent?

What challenges do you imagine you will face in being a foster parent?

Draft RDS Model - Characteristics Data

Variable	Variable Label	Potential Values Coding		
IQID	inquiry family ID	IQ00001 etc.		
FHID	License ID	site license #		
youth?	FH for youth 6-11	0=none	1=willing	2=license
teens?	FH for teens 12-18	0=none	1=willing	2=license
sibs?	FH for siblings	0=none	1=willing	2=license
specnd?	FH for special needs	0=none	1=willing	2=license
#beds	number of beds in FH	numeric 1+		
relative?	FP is a relative	0=no	1=yes	
famstruct	family structure of FH	1=one parent	2=2 parent	3=other
agefp1	Age of FP one	numeric 18-65		
agefp2	Age of FP two (if appl)	numeric 18-65		
racefp1	Race of FP one	site coded		
racefp2	Race of FP two (if appl)	site coded		
sexfp1	Gender of FP one	1=male	2=female	
sexfp2	Gender of FP two (if appl)	1=male	2=female	
n'hood	neighborhood of FH	sitecde	sitecde	
zip	zipcode of FH	27514		
geocode	geocode of FH	site coded		
how_post	how learned about foster care - poster	0=no	1=yes	
how_news	how learned about foster care - news media	0=no	1=yes	
how_chur	how learned about foster care - church	0=no	1=yes	
how_sch	how learned about foster care - school	0=no	1=yes	
how_dss	how learned about foster care - dss	0=no	1=yes	
how_frd	how learned about foster care - friend	0=no	1=yes	
how_fam	how learned about foster care - family	0=no	1=yes	
how_oth	how learned about foster care - other	0=no	1=yes	
mot_lrn	motivation for inquiry - learn more	0=no	1=yes	
mot_fp	motivation for inquiry - want to be FP	0=no	1=yes	
mot_rel	motivation for inquiry - want a related child	0=no	1=yes	
mot_fc	motivation for inquiry - foster care as child	0=no	1=yes	
mot_oth	motivation for inquiry - other	0=no	1=yes	
chdrnnow	Has other children	0=no	numeric 1+	
everfp	Ever been a foster parent before	0=no	1=yes	
knowfp	Know other foster parents	0=no	1=yes	

Draft RDS Model – Activity Data

Variable	Description	Potential Values
Trans#	Sequential record number Format: Numeric	1,2,3, etc.
Inquiry ID	Family ID pre-licensure Format: alpha numeric	IQ00001, IQ00002, etc.
License ID	Site foster parent license Format: alpha numeric	
Begin date	Date activity begins Format: Date	3/11/04, 5/2/05, etc.
End date	Date activity ends Format: Date	3/11/04, 6/15/05, etc.
Agency Affiliation	Code for DSS or other agency Format: Categorical	100 = DSS 200 = Methodist Home for Children 300 = Family Helpers
Activity code	Activity undertaken Format: Categorical	10=FP inquiry telephone 11= FP inquiry mail in 12=FP inquiry walk in 15=FP followup 20=DSS contact telephone 20=DSS contact sent information packet 25= DSS followup other 40=application 50=special needs training 60=homestudy 70=criminal check 80=finger print check 90=drop out 100=licensure 110=placement 120=ongoing training 130=closure 140=reopen
Activity reason	Reason for the activity Format: Categorical or text	Want to be foster parents Towards licensure Desire special needs children Required Family moving General interest in fostering Initial orientation Want to become licensed Basic training session 1 Wants another foster child Adoption
Activity Result	Result or next step Format: Categorical Coding	10=DSS followup 20=Set date for next step 30=Completed 40=Satisfactory 50=Inquiry closed no lisc 60=Sent information 70=Scheduled for training 80=Accepted 90=Completed basic wksp

