FOSTER HOME REFERENCE

Michigan Department of Human Services

_____ have / has applied for a license to be a foster parent(s). Your name has been given as a person who knows about the applicant(s) ability to care for children. The information you provide will assist in making a decision regarding licensing the applicant(s) to become a foster parent(s). The information you share may raise critical issues which will be discussed with the applicant(s) and which could be used in a formal hearing to defend a decision not to issue a license. For this reason, we cannot guarantee that this information will be kept confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

1. How long have you known the applicant(s)?

HUSBAND: WIFE:

2. In what capacity do you know

HIM: HER:

3. How well do you know the applicant(s)?

HUSBAND: ☐ VERY WELL	☐ WELL	☐ SOME	☐ LITTLE	☐ NOT AT ALL
WIFE: ☐ VERY WELL	☐ WELL	☐ SOME	☐ LITTLE	☐ NOT AT ALL

4. How does the applicant handle conflict?

HUSBAND: ☐ VERY WELL	☐ ADEQUATELY	☐ POORLY	☐ UNKNOWN
WIFE: ☐ VERY WELL	☐ ADEQUATELY	☐ POORLY	☐ UNKNOWN

5. Applicant's relationship to own children?

HUSBAND: ☐ GOOD	☐ AVERAGE	☐ MILD CONFLICT	☐ EXTREME CONFLICT	☐ DOESN'T APPLY
WIFE: ☐ GOOD	☐ AVERAGE	☐ MILD CONFLICT	☐ EXTREME CONFLICT	☐ DOESN'T APPLY

6. Applicant's relationship to people in general: (all that apply)

HUSBAND: ☐ WARM	☐ SHALLOW	☐ FRIENDLY	☐ DISTANT	☐ UNDERSTANDING	
☐ SINCERE	☐ LOYAL	☐ IMPATIENT	☐ WELL LIKED	☐ SHY	☐ STERN
WIFE: ☐ WARM	☐ SHALLOW	☐ FRIENDLY	☐ DISTANT	☐ UNDERSTANDING	
☐ SINCERE	☐ LOYAL	☐ IMPATIENT	☐ WELL LIKED	☐ SHY	☐ STERN

7. To what extent is applicant(s) aware of own shortcomings?

HUSBAND: ☐ FEELS HE HAS NONE	☐ IGNORES	☐ TRIES TO OVERCOME
☐ ACCEPTS THEM WITH NO ADJUSTMENT	☐ UNKNOWN	
WIFE: ☐ FEELS SHE HAS NONE	☐ IGNORES	☐ TRIES TO OVERCOME
☐ ACCEPTS THEM WITH NO ADJUSTMENT	☐ UNKNOWN	

8. Describe the applicant's ability to be flexible.

HUSBAND: ☐ GOOD	☐ AVERAGE	☐ FAIR	☐ POOR	☐ UNKNOWN
WIFE: ☐ GOOD	☐ AVERAGE	☐ FAIR	☐ POOR	☐ UNKNOWN

9. How does the applicant(s) follow through on commitments begun?

HUSBAND: ☐ VERY WELL	☐ WELL	☐ AVERAGE	☐ FAIR	☐ POORLY	☐ UNKNOWN
WIFE: ☐ VERY WELL	☐ WELL	☐ AVERAGE	☐ FAIR	☐ POORLY	☐ UNKNOWN

10. Which of the following describe the applicant's temperament?

HUSBAND: ☐ CALM	☐ IMPATIENT	☐ HOT TEMPERED	☐ PATIENT	☐ UNKNOWN
WIFE: ☐ CALM	☐ IMPATIENT	☐ HOT TEMPERED	☐ PATIENT	☐ UNKNOWN

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11. Which of the following describe the applicant's friendships?	

HUSBAND	WIFE
☐ MANY FRIENDS – LOYAL	☐ MANY FRIENDS – LOYAL
☐ MANY FRIENDS – CONSTANTLY CHANGING	☐ MANY FRIENDS – CONSTANTLY CHANGING
☐ FEW FRIENDS – LOYAL	☐ FEW FRIENDS – LOYAL
☐ FEW FRIENDS – CONSTANTLY CHANGING	☐ FEW FRIENDS – CONSTANTLY CHANGING
☐ NO FRIENDS	☐ NO FRIENDS
☐ UNKNOWN	☐ UNKNOWN

12. Please check all of the following that describe the applicant(s).

HUSBAND		WIFE	
☐ DOMINEERING	☐ FOLLOWER	☐ DOMINEERING	☐ FOLLOWER
☐ ASSERTIVE	☐ UNHAPPY	☐ ASSERTIVE	☐ UNHAPPY
☐ AGGRESSIVE	☐ STUBBORN	☐ AGGRESSIVE	☐ STUBBORN
☐ COOPERATIVE	☐ FRIENDLY	☐ COOPERATIVE	☐ FRIENDLY
☐ OPINIONATED	☐ HAPPY	☐ OPINIONATED	☐ HAPPY
☐ ARROGANT	☐ EASILY UPSET	☐ ARROGANT	☐ EASILY UPSET
☐ LACKS CONFIDENCE	☐ MOODY	☐ LACKS CONFIDENCE	☐ MOODY
☐ NERVOUS	☐ WELL ADJUSTED	☐ NERVOUS	☐ WELL ADJUSTED
☐ LEADER	☐ CONFIDENT	☐ LEADER	☐ CONFIDENT
☐ CONSIDERATE	☐ LAZY	☐ CONSIDERATE	☐ LAZY
☐ RESERVED	☐ OTHER (Explain Below)	☐ RESERVED	☐ OTHER (Explain Below)

Other(s) _____ | Other(s) _____

13. Do you believe the applicant(s) could accept a child who is resentful or rejecting toward them?

HUSBAND	WIFE
☐ YES ☐ NO (Explain Below)	☐ YES ☐ NO (Explain Below)
Explanation:	Explanation:

14. Would you be comfortable having the applicant(s) as foster parents for your own child or a child close to you?

☐ YES ☐ NO (Explain Below)

Explanation:

15. Do you recommend the applicant be issued a license to provide care for children?

☐ YES ☐ NO (Explain Below)

Explanation:

16. Please add any additional information you feel is important.

Print Your Name	Signature Date
Phone Number ( )	
Would you like licensing staff to contact you? ☐ YES ☐ NO	**NOTE**: You may also contact your worker identified on the front of this form.