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|  | MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICESCHILDREN’S DIVISION**PERSONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE** |
| **FROM:** | Resource Licensing Worker | Telephone Number | Date |
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|  | Agency Contact | Office Hours |
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| **TO:** | Reference Name | Telephone Number |
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|  | Address (Street) |
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| **RE:** | Applicant(s) |
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| The above named applicant(s) has applied to the Missouri Children’s Division to serve as foster/relative/adoptive parents. In order to complete our assessment of their application, it is necessary that we obtain information about the family. Please complete the information below in as much detail as possible and attach a separate sheet if necessary. If you have questions or need assistance in completing this form, please call the Resource Licensing Worker listed above. |
| 1. How long have you known this couple/person? | 2. In what way have you known them? (Socially, neighbor, business, etc.) |
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| 3. Their reputation in their community is:  | [ ]  Superior [ ]  Above Average [ ]  Average [ ]  Below Average [ ]  Poor |
| (Please explain any negative answer)       |
| 4. What past experience have they had with children? (Their own or others)       |
| 5. What type of care are they giving children now in their home?       |
| 6. Are you familiar with their method of discipline? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No Can you describe their methods?        |
| 7. Please describe their marital relationship. | [ ]  Above Average [ ]  Average [ ]  Below Average [ ]  Poor |
| (Please explain)       |
| 8. Do you know of any physical, psychological, or behavioral problems which might interfere with their being successful foster/relative/adoptive parents? (Please include comments about their use of alcohol, drugs, time, money, extreme nervousness, temper, or other things you think are important.)  |
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| Do you feel that they would be able to: |
| 1.  | Understand trauma and trauma informed parenting. | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 2. | Support families and maintain children’s connections. | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 3. | Understand the child welfare system, and the social, emotional, and physical impact on children. | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 4. | Understand the importance of cultural identity in foster care and adoption. | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 5. | Understand the impact of mental health and substance use on children. | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Reference's Signature | Date | Occupation |
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