

lowa Department of Health and Human Services Resource Family Survey Report

Appl	licant N	Name(s)					Application	on Type:	☐ New
Stree	et Add	ress						Change	☐ Renewal
City,	, Zip C	Code				County	Licens	sing Capacity Requested:	Children
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B.			n are sleep			h floor plan for nev	v licenses, ren	nodeling, or n	ew nome. Indicate
	YES	NO	N/A						
				1.		urce home safe, clea I free of vermin (ins			
				2.		oor space safe, clea of children of all age	•		and adequate to meet t for active play?
				3.	hazards suc	ate precautions and th as traffic, pools, h as lake, river, or cr	not tubs, tobac	cco smoke, ra	ilroads, bodies of

YES	NO	N/A		
			4.	Are there appropriate environmental protections such as door alarms, baby monitors, fences, and foliage barriers to protect a child from hazards?
			а.	List each hazard (pond, railroad tracks, busy streets, etc.) and the environmental protection being used for it.
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			5.	When there is a swimming pool or child's plastic pool on the premises:
			a.	Child's plastic pool or wading pool drained daily and inaccessible to children when not in use.
			b.	Swimming pools have a barrier on all sides at least four feet high which would prevent a child from accessing pool without foster parent intentional assistance. Methods of access through the barrier equipped with a safety device such as a bolt lock.
			C.	Above ground or in-ground swimming pool that is not fenced shall be covered when pool is not in use with cover that meets or exceeds ASTM International specifications. Cover must be equipped with a lock.
			d.	Swimming pool equipped with a lifesaving device such as a ring buoy.
			e.	If the swimming pool cannot be emptied after each use, the pool must have a working pump and filtering system.
			f.	Hot tubs and spas must have safety covers that are locked when not in use.
			g.	Resource parent will provide reasonable supervision according to ages and swimming abilities of children when they are using the pool.
			6.	Resource parent has completed <i>Lead Paint Assessment Form</i> 470-4819 if the home was built before 1978. (Initial and renewal licensing, move to a new home) They have applied interim controls to lead paint hazards if applicable.
			7.	Are bedrooms constructed or remodeled for the purpose of sleeping and have adequate heat and ventilation?
			8.	Do bedrooms have permanent walls, a door that closes, and an unobstructed, operable window that opens from the inside and is large enough to all for an unrestricted exit by a foster child?
			9.	Do bedrooms have a standard bed?
			10.	Are bedrooms designated with respect to rules requiring no bedroom sharing for children of opposite sex age 5 or older
			11.	Is the child provided adequate bedroom space for their clothing, e.g., a closet, wardrobe armoire, or dresser?

YES	NO	N/A		
			12.	For infants and toddlers who cannot safely use a standard bed, foster parents have provided a crib or crib-like furniture which has a waterproof mattress covering, sufficient bedding to enable a child to rest comfortably and meet the current standards or recommendations from the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission or ASTM International for juvenile products for each child under two years of age if developmentally appropriate?
				If N/A, skip to question 14.
				Comments/explanation of any requirement not met and how it will be resolved, e.g. variance requested and date of approval.
			13.	Resource parents adhere to the following safe infant sleeping practices:
			a.	Infants are always placed on their backs to sleep (Under age one).
			b.	The crib or crib-like furniture has a firm mattress with a tight-fitting sheet that meets US Consumer Product Safety Commission to federal standards.
			C.	The infant will not be allowed to sleep on a soft surface bed, sofa, air mattress, or other soft surface or allowed to sleep in any item not designed for sleeping (this is not referring to a child in a car seat in a car).
			d.	No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area of the infant within their crib or crib-like furniture.
			e.	No co-sleeping allowed.
			f.	If an alternative sleeping position is needed for an infant, a signed authorization with a statement of a medical reason is required and shall be submitted by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.
				Comments/explanation of any requirement not met and how it will be resolved.
			14.	The bedroom ceiling height is adequate and the minimum bedroom area per child is 40 square feet unless a variance has been approved by HHS. When there is not 40 square feet of space for children there is an additional study area with lighting and room for play in other parts of the home.
			15.	Resource parents understand that video/surveillance cameras are not allowed in children's bedrooms or bathrooms. Only baby video monitors are allowed in bedrooms for children birth to two years of age.
			16.	Below ground bedrooms used by children in care are free from excessive dampness, noxious gasses, and objectionable odors.
			17.	Below ground bedrooms have at least one unrestricted exit to the outside of the house and one inside stairway exit on the basement level to the first-floor ground level.

YES	NO	N/A		
			18.	Below ground bedrooms have a ladder or steps, etc. for the child to safe reach the window if the window will height is more than 44' above the floor. For the egress window, it is 24"x20" or vice versa, and there are provisions (such as a step ladder) for the placed child to safely reach ground level of the window well depth is more than 44" or higher.
			19.	Below ground bedrooms have a finished ceiling, e.g., drywall or a drop ceiling.
			20.	Below ground bedrooms have a covered floor, e.g., carpet, tile, large rug.
				Comments/explanation of any requirement not met and how it will be resolved.
			21.	Any floor of the house, including the basement, has a working smoke detector which is UL approved in sleeping areas and a carbon monoxide detector when there are gas appliances, furnaces, fireplaces, and other gas equipment (such as a water heater), and an attached garage.
			22.	For a hearing-impaired placed child there is a smoke detector in their bedroom that uses an alternative means of waking the child.
			23.	Each smoke detector has been tested and is operational.
			24.	The bedding for a child in care is clean.
			25.	The home has bathroom facility with at least one toilet, sink, and tub or shower in safe operating condition.
			26.	The toilet and other plumbing facilities are clean and operational and have natural for artificial ventilation (e.g., there is an exhaust fan or window and the toilets flush and there are no pipe leaks found under the sink nor mold on the walls or ceiling).
			27.	The heating plant is operational and has the capacity to maintain a temperature of approximately 65 degrees in the bedroom with the door closed and is cooling system consistent with accepted community standards.
			28.	The temperature of the water heater is set in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to prevent an accidental burning or scalding of a child in care.
			29.	Fireplaces and water heaters are vented to the outside.
			30.	Rooms occupied by children in care have a screened window that opens, or they have a mechanical venting system.
			31.	Combustible materials are kept at least three feet away from heat sources, including but not limited to furnaces, stoves, space heaters, and hot water heaters (water heaters in a garage need to elevate 18" above the color as they pose an explosion hazard.)
			32.	Resource parent is aware that kerosene heaters and gas-fired space heaters are not allowed.
			33.	Explosive and flammable substances, including matches and lighters are stored

YES	NO	N/A		
			34.	The home has at least one 2A=10BC rated or ABC rated fire extinguisher that has not expired. The pressure gauge needle is in the green area on the fire extinguishers.
			35.	The family has written and posted in a prominent place emergency safety action plans with a designated meeting place to be used in case of fire, tornado, flood, blizzard, other natural or manmade disasters, accidents, medical issues, and other life-threatening situations.
			36.	Fire and tornado safety plans are reviewed with children at the time of placement and annually thereafter.
			37.	In case of emergency evacuation, foster parents are aware they must provide HHS a temporary address and phone number within 24 hours.
			38.	Family must maintain first aid supplies as recommended by the American Red Cross.
			39.	The family has a comprehensive list of emergency telephone numbers posted in a prominent place which includes the number for poison control. If there is a landline, the emergency phone numbers should be posted near the landline.
			40.	A resource parent will have a working phone or access to a working phone in close walking proximity to an applicant's living space.
			41.	The family has a written fire safety plan for children too young to exit a window.
			42.	All weapons and firearms in the home are stored unloaded and maintained in a lock space that is inaccessible to a child of any age. This includes air guns, bb guns, hunting slingshots, and other projectile weapons
			43.	The ammunition for firearms or projectile weapons is stored in a separate locked container from the weapons and firearms, with a different key than the weapons/firearms container, and is inaccessible to a child of any age.
			44.	All vehicles transporting placed children have unloaded guns kept in a separate locked container (see exception for law enforcement officers below).
			a.	Resource parents who are also law enforcement officials and can document that their jurisdiction requires them to have ready and immediate access to their weapons may be exempt from these weapon requirements provided they adopt and follow a safety plan approved by HHS. Note here the date HHS approved the safety plan for a law enforcement official.
			45.	The ammunition in any vehicle is kept in a separate locked container from the weapon.
			46.	The Firearms Safely Plan (safety section) is completed for foster parents who have firearms, air guns, bb guns, or hunting slingshots but do not have a permit to carry. Resource parents with a permit to carry will complete the entirety of the Firearms Safety Plan and provide a copy of the front and back of their current Permit to Carry.
			47.	The resource parent understands no child in care can be given access to firearms or ammunition without the express written permission of the parent or guardian of the child and the child must complete a state approved Hunter Education Training.

	YES	NO	N/A		
				48.	Resource parents prevent a placed child's access as appropriate to the child's age and development to all medications, poisonous materials, cleaning supplies, other hazardous materials, and alcoholic beverages.
				49.	The resource parents state they will follow universal precautions to reduce exposure to blood borne pathogens and other infectious materials when they provide care to all children in their home.
				50.	Resource parents who smoke or vape understand that they cannot smoke in any portion of the home or in any vehicle where a placed child is present. Note here how they comply with this rule: (e.g. "Smoke outside")
				51.	Household pets and any animals accessible to placed children have a current veterinary health certificate verifying the animal has had routine vaccinations as required by local ordinances. The foster parent has a written plan that
					addresses strategies to reduce aggression for any animals with a history of aggression with which the child will have contact. Inform them they are required to report any animal aggression at the time of the initial study and within 24 hours of any occurrence.
				52.	Animal waste is contained and disposed of on a routine basis.
C.	Wate	er Supp	oly		
	YES	NO			
			I.	Is the w	ater supply from a public water supply system? (If public, go to Section D.)
			2.	ls the pi	rivate well free of obvious deficiencies? (Attach 470-0693.)
			3.	If more	than one well is involved, were all wells tested?
			4.	Is the ni	trate level of the water sample safe for children under age two?
			5.	Was the	e water sample analyzed as safe to drink? (If yes, go to Section D.)
			6.	the initial Supply.)	ater tests indicate the water is unsafe, the family has signed an annual waiver (after al testing) to use only safe water? (Attach 470-0699, Provisions for Alternate Water Annual testing of the water may be waived after three consecutive years when ily has made ongoing alternative arrangements for the use of safe, potable water.)
D.	Wast	e Disp	osal		
	YES	NO			
			١.	Do garb	page, rubbish and recycling containers meet minimum standards?
			2.		ome connected to a public or private sewage system? (If the home is on a system, skip item 3 and go to Section E.)

Phys	ical Car	re	
YES	NO		
		I.	The sleeping arrangements meet the minimum standards as outline in manual and rules, including all the following:
		a	. Children 5 years of age and older will not share a bedroom with a child of the opposite sex,
		b	. Placed children will not share a bed,
		С	. Placed children under the age of 2 may share a bedroom with a resource parent in an individual crib, and
		d	. Placed children aged 2 years or older will be provided bedroom space other than in the foster parent's bedroom.
		2.	Resource parents have a plan for isolating healthy children from a child who is ill or suspected of having a contagious disease.
		3.	Food preparation areas are clean, and the home has kitchen facilities with a sink, refrigerator, stove, and oven in safe operating condition.
		4.	Food is nutritious and there is an adequate amount to meet the needs of all children in the home.
		5.	All over-the-counter medications are administered by the resource parent according to label directions, and prescription medications administered as directed by a physician and documented in a medication log.
		6.	The resource parents keep the child's HHS social worker informed of medical and dental appointments and prescribed treatments.
		7.	Resource parents engage child's birth parents in participating in these appointments.
		8.	Resource parents understand the policy regarding consent for emergency treatment.
		9.	Resource parents use appropriate child safety restraints per lowa law when transporting placed children of any age.
		10.	Resource parents will ensure a privately owned vehicle owned by applicants, family, or friends used to transport a placed child is registered, insured, and driver has a valid lowa driver's license.
		11.	Resource parents will ensure access to transportation, including the use of public transportation, to meet a placed child's needs for transportation to meetings, appointments, social or extracurricular activities, etc. when the foster parent does not have access to a reliable registered and insured privately owned vehicle.
Char	acteris	tics O	f Resource Parents
YES	NO		
		1.	Are the resource parents at least 21 years of age? (If under age 21, complete form 470-4873 – Request for waiver per-service training or non-safety licensing standards)
		2.	Do the resource parents have sufficient source of income to meet the needs of the family without relying on the Department's maintenance payment for the care of a foster child?
		3.	Are the resource parents stable, responsible, mature persons? If married or cohabitating, is the relationship stable?
		4.	Are the resource parents able to communicate with the child?

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		5.	Does the resource parent support the case permanency plan for the resource child, willing to cooperate with visits, transportation, or other activities that support the child's connection to and reunification with the child's family?					
		6.	Are the resource parents willing to accept agency supervision?					
		7.	Oo the resource parents actively ensure that the foster child stays connected to the child's kin, culture, and community as required in the child's case permanency plan?					
		8.	Do the resource parents accept the involvement of the children's parents?					
		9.	Do the resource parents who are providing foster care, understand and adhere to the requirements for training and discipline of children in their care, including the prohibition of corporal punishment?					
		10.	Oo the resource parents understand that they have no legal authority for the children while they are in the custody and/or guardianship of the state?					
		11.	Does the physician's physical health report indicate each resource parent or household member has no health problems that would be detrimental to children, and that the resource parents' or household member's health would not prevent needed care from being provided to the child?					
		12.	Does the mental health report indicate each resource parent or household member has no mental health problems that would be detrimental to children, and that the resource parents' or household members mental health would not prevent needed care from being provided to the child?					
		13.	Are all children who are household members up to date on immunizations by age as required by local school district. If not, has a medical or religious exception been approved?					
			Date of exception and reason:					
		14.	Do all household members who are caregivers have up-to-date whooping cough vaccines? f not, has a medical or religious exception been approved?					
			Date of exception and reason:					
		15.	Do all household members who are caregivers who receive an exception to the whooping cough vaccine understand that no children under the age of one will be placed in their home? (Infants under one year of age are at greatest risk of developing severe breathing problems and life-threatening illness from whooping cough)					
Planr	ed A	tivitie	and Personal Effects					
YES	NO	NA						
			I. Does the daily routine promote good health and provide an opportunity for normal activity with time for rest and play?					
			2. Are children given the opportunity to develop healthy social relationships?					
			3. Does the resource parent provide a child in care with the opportunity for spiritual development and cultural practices in accordance with the wishes of the child and the child's parent or tribe?					
			4. Do the resource parents cooperate to implement the education and training plan for the child as specified in the <i>Family Case Plan</i> (case permanency plan) and any educational programs?					

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				6.	Does the child's clothing meet the minimum standards? Iowa Code has a description of minimum standards.
				7.	Do the resource parents who are parenting a child in the custody or guardianship of the Department of Health and Human Services, acknowledge that the child must attend public school? (Private school must be approved by parent/guardian and resource parent is responsible for payment.)
				8.	Does the resource parent encourage the child to participate in extracurricular activities that are appropriate for the child's age, interest, and ability?
Н.	Infor	matio	n (For	initial	home studies, do applicants understand and agree?)
	YES	NO			
				1.	Do the resource parents, who are providing foster care, maintain a separate folder of information on each foster child in their care? (Please review folder)
				2.	Do the resource parents give the Department the folder of information on the child in care when the child leaves the home?
				3.	Do the resource parents maintain confidentiality regarding any child who is placed in the guardianship or custody of the Department of Health and Human Services?
				4.	Do the resource parents understand and agree to comply with their roles as mandatory reporters of child abuse?
I.	Supe	rvisior	ı, Rele	ase, aı	nd Cooperation
	YES	NO	NA		
				I.	Reasonable and Prudent Parenting has been discussed and resource parents have stated how they will provide reasonable and prudent supervision for children in their care.
				2.	Resource parents have made arrangements for responsible care of the child placed in the home.
				3.	Resource parents understand they shall only release the placed child to HHS, the child's parent or guardian, or a person specifically approved.
J.	Train	ing ar	nd Refe	erence	Checks
	YES	NO	NA		
				1.	Each resource parent has completed preservice training if it was not waived for a relative or child-specific caregiver.
				2.	Each resource parent has completed "Universal Precautions in Foster Homes" and understands they must adhere to these practices.
				3.	Each resource parent has completed Human Need for Belonging (Alia video) training prior to licensure.
				4.	Each resource parent has completed HHS approved medication management training before licensure.
				5.	Each resource parent has completed HHS approved CPR and First Aid training before licensure and maintained the certification thereafter. Next date due:

	YES	NO	NA		
				6.	Each resource parent has completed HHS approved 2 hours of training regarding mandatory reporting of child abuse prior to licensure and understands they must complete this training every 3 years thereafter. Next date due:
				7.	Each resource parent has completed Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Training prior to licensure.
				8.	Each resource parent has completed six hours of HHS approved in-service training annually each license year on topics recommended by the foster parent training plan.
				9.	Annual criminal record checks, including Iowa Courts Online, are free of criminal convictions.
				10.	Child Abuse Registry check is free of founded reports.
				11.	Iowa Sex Offender Registry check is free of criminal convictions.
				12.	Fingerprint search for Criminal History Record for resource parent applicants and other adult household members was completed. (outcome and related documentation not uploaded to database, result documentation not included in home study packet, and is maintained in resource family file)
				13.	Out-of-state Child Abuse Registry checks free of founded reports for all adult household members. (every previous state of residence for any adult household member in last 5 years must be checked)
				14.	Record check evaluations were completed on previous founded child abuse reports or criminal convictions.
K.	Unan	noun	ced Visit		
	YES	NO	NA		
				I.	The initial unannounced visit was completed on (If initial unannounced SKIP to next section)
				2.	The annual unannounced visit(s) were completed on
					Year 2 unannounced visit(s) were completed on
				3.	The resource parents cooperated with the unannounced visit.
				4.	The quality of the living situation observed during the visit was acceptable for the child's safety, well-being, and health. The home was in compliance with policies and standards as outlined in 441-113.
				5.	HHS workers reported concerns in the foster family home. These concerns have been discussed with the family as appropriate. (Document in home study)
				6.	If deficiencies were found during the licensing period, the resource parents provided a written commitment to correct the deficiencies by signing a corrective action plan.
				7.	The child in care was interviewed away from the resource parent.
				8.	Progress on the resource parent's completion of six hours of annual training is noted in the foster parent training plan.
				9.	The interaction between the children and resource family household members were appropriate and positive.

	YES	NO	NA			
				10.	There was a discussion of childre if no children were placed the re	n placed in the home during the licensing year or ason why.
				11.	The resource family was in comp variance approved?	liance with their license capacity. If not, was a
L.	Reco	mmer	ndation			
					home license for children	from
		lss	ue a pro	visiona	I foster home license for o	children effective fromndation for Provisional License, 470-0698.)
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		Co	ompleted	l Recon	nmendation for a One Year Foster Fo	amily License, form 470-5124.)
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