

## Partnership Development Plan

As part of partnership building in the preparation and the mutual selection process, it is important to have a clear understanding of all the strengths and needs involved in your becoming a resource parent. Throughout the process you will discover things you may want to work on as an individual or as a family. Professional development as a resource family begins now and continues throughout the time you care for abused and neglected children. It is important for you to assess your own strengths and needs. Your program co-leaders will also openly share with you any concerns they have regarding your ability to become resource parents. It is hoped that, together, needs can be identified and met so you can make the best decision for your family. Every time you talk about your progress in making a decision about fostering and/or adopting and in developing new skills it will be helpful to write out what you plan to do next. The following steps are designed to help you document your discussions:

### STEPS

#### 1. Describe the need clearly.

#### 2. Explain why this is a need.

#### 3. Develop an action plan including:

##### A. What tasks will be done to meet the need?

**B. Who will do each task?**

**C. When will we evaluate progress?**

**D. How we will know whether the need is met.**

**E. What will happen if the need is met; if the need is not met?**