



Foster Parent Application

We understand this application in no way obligates you or the Rockingham County Department of Health & Human Services, but is a statement of intention and can be withdrawn by either party at any time. Please complete the entire application. Do not leave any fields blank, use N/A if not applicable.

	How were you refe	rred to us?	
☐ Information Session ☐ On	-Line Radio	☐ Television	☐ Community Event
☐ Other: ☐ Ref	erred by a Foster-Ado	pt Parent (name)	
	GENERAL INFO	RMATION	
Name			
Legal Last Name	Legal First	Name	Legal Middle Name
Name			
Legal Last Name	Legal First	Name	Legal Middle Name
Address			
Street	City		Zip Code
Home Telephone:		Mobile Phone:	
Email Address(es)			
,			
Rockingham County Resident?	i Es NO Lengu	i of residence in K	ockingham County
Please list other counties in NC wh	nere you have lived:		
Please list other cities and states w	here you have lived:		
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HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Prospective Foster Parent 1	Prospective Foster Parent 2
Name	Name
Date of Birth	Date of Birth
Place of Birth	Place of Birth
Valid Driver's License ☐ Yes ☐ No (please explain why if you do not have a valid license)	Valid Driver's License ☐ Yes ☐ No (please explain why if you do not have a valid license)
Do you own a car? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Do you own a car? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you have a High School diploma or GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a High School diploma or G ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Number of years you completed in college Number of years you completed in college_	
Marriage Date: City:	1
Prospective Foster Parent 1	Prospective Foster Parent 2
Date of Previous Marriage(s):	Date of Previous Marriage(s):
Name of Previous Spouse(s):	
Name of Previous Spouse(s): ———————————————————————————————————	,
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Children In Home (Please provide full names)

Name	Date of Birth	School Grade or Occupation

Children Out of Home (Please provide full names)

Name	Date of Birth	Occupation	Address

Other Members of Household (Please provide full names)

Name	Date of Birth	Occupation	Address

^{*}All adults in home must complete MAPP Training and Background Checks*

Do you live in a:	\square House	\Box Apartment	☐ Mobile Home	\Box Condo/Townhouse
Do you:	□ Own	□ Rent	Monthly Payment _	
	Property Ma	anagement Comp	oany or Owner's Nan	ne
Number of Rooms _		Number of B	edrooms	
Describe Present Sle	eeping Arrange	ements:		
Bedroom 1				
Bedroom 2				
Bedroom 3				
Bedroom 4				
In which bedroom v	vould foster/ad	optive child(ren)	sleep? 1 2	3 4
Is there a body of w	ater on or near	your property?	□ Yes □ No	
		FAMILY IN	FORMATION	
Physician's Name:_ Phone			Address:	
		A	.ddress :	
Phone				
Hospital Preference	<u> </u>			
Has either prospecti physical condition?	•	•	ss, operation, mental	health condition or chronic
prijorear condition.	n yes, preuse e	Aipium ociow.		
School(s) child(ren)	will attend:			
Elementary				
Middle High School				
Do you home schoo				

Religious Affiliation: (if any)	
Church Name and Address:	
Do you have social media accounts? If so, plea Facebook: Twitter: Instagram: Other:	
FAM	ILY INCOME
Prospective Foster Parent 1	Prospective Foster Parent 2
Occupation:	Occupation:
Employer:	Employer:
Address:	Address:
Length of Employment:	Length of Employment:
Business Phone:	Business Phone:
Work Hours: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Additional Income Source(s): Annual Amount:	Work Hours: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Additional Income Source(s): Annual Amount:
Combined Family Income: □ Under 10,000 □ 10,001 - 20,000 □ 40,001 - 50,000 □ 50,001 - 60,000 □ 80,001 - 90,000 □ 90,001 - 100,000	□ 20,001 - 30,000 □ 30,001 - 40,000 □ 60,001 - 70,000 □ 70,001 - 80,000 □ 100,000 +

REFERENCES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Each applicant should each list three references who have known you will for the last three to five years. Please use referrals that are aware of your desire to foster or adopt.

	Name	Address	Phone	Email
pplicant I				
pplicant II				
	re a daycare or provide child To If yes, please provide the		en on a regulai	
	re pets in your home?	□ Yes □ No		
=	many? Small	□ Medium □ I	Large	
Veterinaria	n:			
	anyone in your household re		the Rockingha	m County
	t of Health and Human Servi hom are you related and how			

QUESTIONS CONCERNING CARE OF A CHILD

Do you know any foster/adoptive parents of foster children	\Box Yes	□ No	
Would you accept a child with a learning disability?	□Yes	□ No	
Would you accept a child with a physical challenge?	\Box Yes	□ No	
Would you accept a child who is mentally challenged?	\Box Yes	□ No	
Would you accept a child who has emotional problems?	\Box Yes	□ No	
How would you discipline a foster child who misbehaves?			
Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of child abus	e or neglect?	□Yes	□No
Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of a felony?		□Yes	
Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of a misdeme	eanor?	\Box Yes	
Have you ever been charged with or found guilty of a traffic vi	olation?	□Yes	
Have you ever been charged incarcerated?		□Yes	□No
Have you ever been in a local jail, state prison or federal penite	entiary?	□Yes	□No
Have you ever been incarcerated abroad?		□Yes	□No
Has anyone in your home ever been charged with or found gui	lty of child at	ouse or negle	ect?
	·	□Yes	
Are you now receiving or have your ever-received psychiatric emotional or mental illness or depression? Yes No (C prospective foster parent)		-	

Are you interested in Fostering? \Box Yes \Box No	
Are you open to Adoption? □Yes □ No	
I/We wish to be considered for number of children.	
Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Either	
Age Range: \square 0- 5 \square 6-12 \square 13-21 \square Any (check all that apply)	y age
Have you ever applied to foster or adopt a child for any other age	ncy? □Yes □ No
If yes, when:	
What agency?	
Status of Application:	
Have you ever been licensed by another agency? \Box Yes \Box N	0
If yes, name of agency:	
Date(s) licensed:	
Have you ever applied to foster at Rockingham County DHHS?_	
Have you ever been licensed at Rockingham County DHHS?	□ Yes □ No
I/We understand that in making this application there is no final	commitment on either side.
Signature of Prospective Foster Parent 1	Date
Signature of Prospective Foster Parent 2	Date

By signing this application, you confirm to the best of your knowledge, the information given is true and accurate.

For County Office Use Only	
☐ Foster Care	
☐ Foster/Adopt ☐ Relative	

CAN I PARENT THIS CHILD?

Are you currently parenting a child in Rockingham County custody?		Yes □	No
If yes, whoName of Social Worker(s)?		- -	
Are you applying to become a foster parent to foster a relative child? If yes, who		Yes □	No
If yes, who		_	
Name of Social Worker(s)?		_	
I am interested in a □ boy □ girl □either □ siblings, no younger than	and no	older t	han
I am interested in:	Yes	No	Uncertain
Child/Children who are still visiting biological parents			
Child/Children too young for daycare			
Child/Children needing ongoing therapy after placement			
Child/Children who need continuing ties with biological family members			
A sibling group (two or more children in the same family)			
Teenagers 12-18			
Child/children with parents or relatives with inheritable diseases (or traits), mental illness or are mentally retarded			
Child/Children whose biological family has social problems (addictions, incest, etc.)			
Child/Children with an alternative lifestyle			

CAN I PARENT THIS CHILD?

Special Needs Check List -----Please check all that you are willing to consider

□ None □ HIV positive □ Adjustment Disorder □ Down Syndrome □ Hearing loss -partial □ Anorexia □ Lead Poisoning □ Heart defect □ Attachment Disorder □ Microcephalus □ Heart murmur □ Behavior Problems □ MR - not specified □ Hydrocephalus □ Bi-Polar □ MR - genetic □ Hyperactivity □ Bulimia □ Phenylketonuria (PKU) □ Hypertension □ Conduct Disorder □ Prader Willie Syndrome □ Kidney Disease □ Cruelty to Animals □ Trisomy 13 □ Medically Fragile □ Depression □ Trisomy 18 □ Medically Fragile □ Developmental Disabilities □ William Syndrome □ Microcephalus □ Dysthymia □ Microcephalus □ Microcephalus □ Multiple Scler
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☐ Property Destruction family ☐ Quadriplegia
☐ Psychosis ☐ Neglected ☐ Sexual Transmitted Disease
☐ Reactive Attachment Disorder ☐ Physically Abused ☐ Scoliosis
□ Run Away □ Premature Birth □ Seizure Disorder
☐ Self-Abusive ☐ Schizophrenia in birth family ☐ Sickle Cell Anemia
☐ Sexually Acting Out ☐ Sexually Abused ☐ Sickle Cell Trait
□ Steals □ Speech Disorder
☐ Takes psychiatric medication
□ Verbal Threats □ None □ Terminal Illness
☐ Allergies ☐ Total Care
Learning Needs □ AIDS/HIV □ Tourette Syndrome
□ None □ Autism □ Trach Syndrome
☐ Learning Disability ☐ Blindness/Visual Impairment ☐ Tube Feeding
□ Aphasia □ Cancer
☐ Attention Deficit Disorder ☐ Cerebral Palsy
☐ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity ☐ Congenital Heart Disease
Disorder
☐ Central auditory processing disorder ☐ Deaf/Profound hearing loss
☐ Developmental articulation disorder ☐ Developmental Disabilities
□ Dyslexia □ Diabetes
☐ Expressive language disorder ☐ Encopresis
☐ Motor skills disorder ☐ Enuresis
□ Non-specific learning disorder □ Epilepsy
☐ Receptive language disability ☐ Failure to thrive
☐ Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FOSTER HOME LICENSING & ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. AGE: Applicants must be at least 23 years old to be considered for foster home licensure and adoptive homes.
- 2. MARITAL STATUS: Single, married, widowed, separated and divorced persons may be eligible for licensure. Couples must be married at least 1 year prior to licensing. It is suggested that couples be married at least 3 years prior to adopting. Relationships must be stable for I year prior to applying.
- 3. <u>INCOME:</u> Applicants must meet the minimum income scale requirements. Income cannot be below poverty level and placing a child in the home cannot put your income below the poverty level or put an extensive financial strain on the family.

4. HOUSING:

- A. Fire Inspection Requirements
 - Fire extinguishers (5lbs. minimum content, ABC type), smoke detectors on each living level, a posted evacuation plan on each floor, a telephone, etc.
- B. <u>Health Inspection Requirements</u>
 Applicants are responsible for providing a safe drinking water supply
- C. Children placed in foster care must be provided their own bed space and space for belongings.
- 5. EDUCATION: Must have a High School Diploma or GED
- **MEDICAL EXAMS:** Physicals are required for initial licensure of everyone in the household. In addition to physicals, all adults must have a TB test during the initial licensure at the discretion of their **physician**. If the initial TB test results are negative, applicants are not required to repeat the TB test for re-licensure. Children under age 18 are not required to take a TB test.
- 7. CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS WITH FINGERPRINTING: Signed permission forms are required each year in order that annual clearance checks may be done through the local sheriff, police, and clerk of court offices. Fingerprinting is done upon initial clearance only.
- **REFERENCES:** Reference checks will be completed by your Family Recruitment Social Worker. Full names and addresses (including zip code) need to be stated on your application. School references are also requested when appropriate.
- **TRAINING:** "Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting" (MAPP), a 30-hour training course designed by the Child Welfare Institute on contract with North Carolina State Department of Human Resources is required for licensing. An additional twenty hours of training is required bi-annually for re-licensing.
- **10. FAMILY ASSESSMENT:** Three to four consultations with the family in addition to class time are necessary. Ongoing contacts are made after licensing is approved with a minimum of quarterly face to face contacts by a Family Recruitment social worker are required.
- 11. <u>FOSTER PARENT AGREEMENT:</u> An agreement made between DHHS and foster parents stating what DHHS and foster parents will do regarding working together to provide the best services/care for children in foster care/DHHS custody. Each applicant must agree not to use physical punishment on children in DHHS custody who are placed in the home.
- 12. TRANSPORTATION: Must have reliable transportation and insurance as well as willing to transport child(ren) to appointments and events. Vehicles used to transport foster children must be maintained in safe operating conditions at all times, and inspected and registered according to federal, state, and local laws. You must have a valid NC Drivers License. You cannot transport children unless you have a valid NC Drivers License.
- **Note:** Consideration for persons who have been substantiated for charges of abuse or neglect will NOT be at the county's discretion. Felonious criminal charges and extensive criminal activities can possibly preclude foster care licensure or approval for adoption. Each individual situation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

PERMISSIBLE DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS DURING PRE-SERVICE TRAINING OR APPLICATION REVIEW

- Clear and documented criminal history: Felony convictions, assault convictions and central registry substantiations
- Income: Applicant families need to meet the minimum income scale requirements and have adequate income to financially support their own family.
- Applicant is underage: Applicant must be at least 23 years old for foster care
- Homelessness: The applicant is unable to provide a home address or is currently residing in a shelter or some other form of temporary housing such as the YMCA or hotel/ motel.
- No room for children: The applicant is not child specific or an interested individual and does not have adequate space for a child(ren) given their current living arrangement. If the applicant states that she/he is "moving", accept the application if the applicant can identify a new address and firm date for the move. Return the application if there is no firm plan. The applicant can continue in the training.
- Incomplete or false application: All information must be true to the best of applicant's knowledge. If information is missing applicant must complete and resubmit. If false information is submitted, application is subject to denial or termination.
- Applicant is not interested in the types of children served by the county.
- Only one applicant of a couple: If only one half of an applicant couple is in attendance and the other half is refusing to attend or participate.
- Applicant has legal custody of child they wish to foster or adopt: Once a child is placed in the legal custody of a family, the family cannot become a foster home for the child. The family may however, become foster/adoptive parents for other children.
- Landlord refuses to sign approval form: The agency will not be able to complete the required safety and fire inspections for the home study.
- If and applicant is believed to be intoxicated, suffering from mental illness, violent, aggressive or any other suspicious behavior, Supervisor will determine eligibility.
- Pet Policy: Pets will be assessed on a case by case basis. Supervision is expected of all foster children around animals. Foster children cannot be primarily responsible for the care of the animals. Some concerns that can possibly preclude foster care licensure or approval for adoption are: vicious/aggressive breeds of dogs; excessive number of pets, odor, not having medical records for your animals. The agency has the right to request a temperament test from a veterinarian that speaks to how the animal responds to strangers. The test would be at the prospective family's expense.
- Smoking: Because of the dangers of secondary smoke inhalation, we require foster parents who smoke to refrain from smoking in enclosed area around the children. All matches and lighters must be stored away from children, and you are responsible for ensuring that children do not have access to them.
- Unmarried Couples: If you are not married, but are living as a couple, your relationship must demonstrate stability, and both partners must attend MAPP.
- Applicants must have a valid North Carolina drivers license.



Rockingham County Department of Social Services

Post Office Box 61 Wentworth, North Carolina 27375 (336) 342-1394

REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

•	PLEASE PRINT	
NAME:		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
(Maiden)		
BIRTHDATE:SEX	K:RACE:	SSN:
PRESENT ADDRESS:		
DRIVER'S LICENSE#:	S	TATE:
APPLICANT SIGNATURE:		
CRIMINAL RECORD:	See Attached	No Match
CLEAR:	See Attached	No Match
PAROLE/PROBATION:	See Attached	No Match
www.doc.state.nc.us/offenders		
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY:	See Attached	No Match
www.doc.state.nc.us/offenders SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY: www.ncfindoffender.com NURSE I AIDE & HEALTH REGISTRY www.ncnar.org/faq.html		No Match



RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I	hereby give my permission for Rockingham			
County Department of Health &	Human Services to request information from the			
Rockingham County Clerk of Su	aperior Court, NC Department of Corrections Offender			
Information, NC Responsible In	dividuals List, NC Sex Offender Public Protection Registry,			
Nurse Aide I and Health Care Pe	ersonnel Registry concerning criminal records, if any, in			
connection with my application/	re-license for (foster home licensing and/or adoption). I			
further agree to the release of sai	id information by the Rockingham County Clerk of Superior			
Court, & others listed above to the	he Rockingham County Department of Health & Human			
Services.				
Date	Applicant 1 Signature			
Date	Applicant 2 Signature			



REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

(Record to be checked)	PLEASE PRINT		
NAME:			
(Last)	(First)		(Middle)
(Maiden)			
BIRTHDATE:SEX	:RACE:	SSN:	
PRESENT ADDRESS:			
DRIVER'S LICENSE#:		STATE:	
APPLICANT SIGNATURE:			
CRIMINAL RECORD:	See Attached		No Match
CLEAR:	See Attached		No Match
PAROLE/PROBATION: www.doc.state.nc.us/offenders	See Attached		No Match
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY: www.ncfindoffender.com	See Attached		No Match
NURSE I AIDE & HEALTH REC	GISTRY: See Attached		No Match
STAFF COMPLETING RECORD	CHECK:		DATE:
Staff requesting Record Check:			



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I	hereby give my permission for Rockingham County
Department of Health & Hun	nan Services to request information from the Rockingham County
Clerk of Superior Court, NC	Department of Corrections Offender Information, NC Responsible
Individuals List, NC Sex Offe	ender Public Protection Registry, Nurse Aide I and Health Care
Personnel Registry and reque	st information concerning criminal records, if any, in connection
with my application/re-licens	e for (foster home licensing) (adoption). I further agree to the release
of said information by the Ro	ockingham County Clerk of Superior Court, & others listed above to
the Rockingham County Dep	artment of Health & Human Services.
Date	Applicant 1 Signature
Data	Amplicant 2 Signature
Date	Applicant 2 Signature

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Applicant 1 Name:		Employer	
What is your Net monthly income \$		1 3	
Additional Sources of Income from:		Monthly Amount: \$	
Applicant 2 Name:		Employer	
What is your Net monthly income \$			
Additional Sources of Income from:		Monthly Amount: \$	
Please provide the current year's	Гах Form Verif	ication	
Medical coverage for family: Mortgage Insurance: Yes		Applicant 2: \$	
Approximate value of real estate an Property tax value: \$	d personal: \$		
Other Property \$ Cars and Vehicles \$ Furnishings/Appliances \$ College Loans \$ Have you ever filed Bankruptcy?		Personal Loans \$ Faxes \$ Medical \$ Credit Cards \$ Other \$ Explain: Explain:	
Use of Income Please estimate your monthly avera Mortgage/Rent Utilities Food Cars and Vehicles Household Furnish/Appliances Transportation gas & maintenance Clothing	\$ \$	Installment Payments Savings & Investments Charitable Contributions Recreation & Vacation Child Care Medical & Dental Other	\$ \$
SIGNATURES:			
Social Worker	Applicant 1	Applicant 2	
Date	Date	 Date	