

Don't Forget to Ask

Foster Parents often wish they had asked more questions before accepting a child into their home. The list below is designed to assist you in your discussion with the Ministry. (All questions do not apply to all placements.)

1. Why is this child being placed?
2. What is the child's understanding of the reason for placement/separation from his family?
3. What are the child's previous placement experiences?
4. What is the family situation- parent's names?
5. Where are the parents?
6. Will the parents visit? Where? How often?
7. Are there siblings? Where are they?
8. Will there be pre-placement visits?
9. What is the plan for the child? Length of placement?
10. What is the child's legal status?
11. When was the child's last physical?
12. What is the child's health? Allergies? Medication? Last dental check up?
13. Who is the child's doctor? The medical number?

14. Is religion important to the child?
15. What school and what grade does the child attend?
16. Are there school problems?
17. Does the child have any special behavioral problems? Habits?
18. If this child has been sexually abused, is he at risk to himself/others?
19. Will there be a clothing grant? Are the child's clothes adequate/
appropriate?
20. What will help the child feel at home? Favorite food, comforting toy?
21. When will the Social Worker visit/call?
22. Who do I call after hours?
23. What do you (social worker) expect of me (foster parent)?
24. Will I receive the form "Confidential Information for Foster Parents
Regarding Child Placement"?

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