

PRELIMINARY HOME STUDY/HOME ASSESSMENT

WARNING: The following is a preliminary home assessment only. It is intended solely to facilitate the immediate placement of the child/ren named below in a kinship placement until a full home assessment can be completed. This Preliminary Kinship Caregiver Home Assessment does not constitute DFPS' final approval for a kinship placement. This assessment is not a home screening for foster home verification or adoptive home approval as those terms are used in Minimum Standards for Child Placing Agencies (40 Texas Admin. Code Chapter 749); nor does it guarantee that the caregiver will meet the eligibility requirements for kinship caregiver assistance, foster care maintenance payments, adoption assistance, Permanency Care Assistance or any other benefits program administered by DFPS. DFPS reserves the right to change its recommendation for placement prior to or upon completion of the full home assessment.

Case Name

Case ID

Child(ren) to be Placed:

Type of Custody (Investigation, FBSS, TMC, or PMC)

Name of child

Date of Birth

Cause Number

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Name of Biological Parents for each child:

**Mother: Name
Address
DOB**

**Father: Name
Address
DOB**

**Father: Name
Address
DOB**

**Father: Name
Address
DOB**

General Information:

Name of Prospective Caregiver 1:

**Date of birth
Gender
Relationship to child
Address, including county**

Name of Prospective Caregiver 2:

**Date of birth
Gender
Relationship to child
Address, including county**

Other Household Members:

**Name
Date of birth
Relationship to the child**

**Name
Date of birth
Relationship to the child**

**Name
Date of birth
Relationship to the child**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD (REN) NEEDING PLACEMENT:

Give pertinent history, including reason for placement, and any special needs.

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE RELATIVES OR PROSPECTIVE CAREGIVERS AND
ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:**

List Household Members, Adults and Children. Include general health information, substance history, mental health information, current medications, and address the overall physical abilities of the caregiver.

HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Include number of bedrooms and bathrooms, current sleeping arrangements, sleeping arrangements for children to be placed (1 and under should have a crib, bassinet or pack & play), and any health/safety issue as related to home. (Swimming pool, trampoline, utilities, and overall physical appearance of the home, date of home visit)

FINANCIAL ABILITY TO CARE FOR CHILD (REN):

Include caretakers' commitment to providing for the financial needs of the children and any information regarding their ability to do so which could include what is the actual income of the home, information for true expenditures for the family, and other support information. (i.e. wic, food stamp, other financial sponsors). Documentation should be obtained for income and disbursements.

ABILITY TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE CHILD (REN):

Include hours of employment for caregivers, childcare arrangements for children to be placed (if individual background checks should be ran),

WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM CARE FOR THE CHILD(REN), IF NEEDED: (include statement of caregiver's level of commitment to placement)

WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO PROTECT CHILD(REN) FROM THE PERPETRATOR(S).

(Address discipline policy, address visitation with parents, and sibling contact.

RESULTS OF CPS CHECKS:

Include for all home members over the age of 14 and older and attach report to study

RESULTS OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

Include for all home members over the age of 14 and older attach report to study

COLLATERAL CHECKS:

Document the collaterals contacts as policy states they should be contacted before the placement is made but if not within 24 hours the placement made

SUMMARY:

List any concerns that still need to be addressed, date of requested full blown study, and recommendation for placement of children.

CPS Caseworker/Casa Advocate

Date

CPS Supervisor/Casa Supervisor

Date

CPS Program Director

Date

Pictures of the home should be taken of the outside and inside structures

CPS will need to attach Criminal Background checks on all person 14 years and older