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HOME STUDY INTERVIEW TOPICS

MOTIVATION TO ADOPT:

- Process of researching and deciding upon adoption
- Fertility issues
- Domestic, Foster/Adopt, or International adoption
- Child factors including ethnicity, age, siblings, special needs, etc.
- Readiness for adoption

ADOPTION HISTORY:

- Previous foster care or adoption experience
- General experience and familiarity with adoption

PERSONAL HISTORY: (for each applicant)

- Date and place of birth
- Previous marriages
- Children from previous relationships
- Family relationships
- Family values, religion, activities, rules, discipline
- School/college performance and activities
- Career history and plans
- Personal characteristics, medical history
- Personal activities, hobbies
- Challenges you've overcome

RELATIONSHIP HISTORY: (for 2-parent families)

- How and where you met
- Qualities which attracted you to your partner
- Strengths and weaknesses of your relationship
- Areas of disagreement
- How issues are resolved
- Marriage date and location (if applicable)
- Household responsibilities
- Family responses to spouse
- Activities done together
- Common goals/values

CHILDREN:

- Children in family and general description-including age, interests, and ideas about adoption
- General ideas/values/goals
- Likes and dislikes in children
- Methods of discipline
- Extended Family responses/involvement to adoption
- Child care plans
- Sibling rivalry possibilities
- Guardian plan in event of parents' untimely passing

ADOPTION AWARENESS:

- Adoption related information (telling about adoption, open/comfort level)
- Multi-ethnic backgrounds (transracial placement, ethnic awareness, response from others, strengths in life-style)
- Family and siblings attitudes and community acceptance
- Support groups and community activities

HEALTH:

- Current health status
- Medical issues
- Fertility
- Doctor's recommendations
- Physical activities

REFERENCES:

- Acknowledgement of four references
- Fingerprint clearances (DOJ, FBI, Child Abuse Index)

HOME AND FINANCES:

- Annual income, mortgage, market value, monthly payments
- Proximity to schools, parks, recreation, etc.
- Debts: cars, houses, other property
- Alimony, child support (if applicable)
- Income
- Savings
- Insurance
- Attitude regarding finances

RECOMMENDATION:

- Include child request or identified child
- Stable relationship
- Financial security
- Emotionally and physically healthy
- Good attitude about adoption and cultural/racial differences
- Plans to tell child about adoption; sibling(s) prepared
- Recommend/Best interest of child