

Comprehensive Assessment for Guardianship

Case Name:	County Case #	Date:
Caregiver #1:	Caregiver #2	

Y/N	Requirement	Indicators	Comments/Service Needs
	A. The permanent plan for the child is neither reunification nor adoption. B. The child has been in agency custody/ planning responsibility for at least a year. C. The child has lived with this provider for at least six months. D. It has been determined that continued placement with this caregiver would be in the best interests of the child, and meets the need for permanency and safety. E. The caregiver is willing to assume guardianship of the person of the child(ren)	A. Determined by Permanency Planning Team. B. Determine by date of placement into agency custody/ placement responsibility. C. Caregiver has provided full-time care for at least six months of the last twelve months. D. Determined by permanency planning team and during court review. E. Caregiver has expressed willingness to become guardian of person of child(ren).	A. B. C. D. E.
	1. The caregiver is willing to provide a permanent home through the child's minority and to assume legal guardianship for the child(ren).	Discuss caregiver's commitment to provide care for the child(ren) and address any reservations.	
	2. The caregiver is willing to provide age-appropriate supervision for the child(ren).	Discuss family's plan for supervising the child(ren), including any need for additional services to provide supervision.	

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	3. The caregiver has sufficient financial resources to continue to meet the child(ren)’s basic needs.	Discuss family’s financial resources, support network, and availability of additional financial, medical, or support resources, including guardianship subsidy. Discuss ongoing health needs of the child and family’s ability to meet needs. Telephone available for emergencies.	
	4. The caregiver is willing and able to protect the child(ren) from continued maltreatment and establish visitation and appropriate contact (including phone calls) with birth family. Caregiver able to support contact with birth parents as appropriate.	Caregiver does not blame child for maltreatment by parents, and is able to provide appropriate boundaries to protect the child. Discuss caretaker’s experience with family visits and their preferred plan for continued visitation between child(ren) and parents.	
	5. The family will report any indicators/ circumstances indicating that the child has been re-abused or neglected.	Discuss reporting requirements with the family; obtain verbal agreement to report concerns. Review behavioral indicators of abuse, sexual abuse, neglect.	
	6. The family will use fair, reasonable discipline which emphasizes positive reinforcement.	Discuss family discipline practices. The family does not use physical punishment, isolation, deprivation of food, or humiliation. Discuss current disciplinary measures for placed child(ren).	
	7. The child will have a sleeping space with reasonable privacy and comfort.	The child(ren) has a sleeping space that is appropriate for his/her age, gender, needs, and personal history.	

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	8. Home is free of objects and conditions which constitute obvious fire and/or safety hazards.	Working smoke detector on each level, fire extinguisher in kitchen, car seats for infants and children up to 4 years of age. No unlocked firearms; accessible poisons; overloaded extension cords; exposed electrical wiring; peeling or flaking paint; broken windows, doors, or steps; holes in walls, floors, or ceilings; or rodent/insect infestation.	
	9. The family has functional indoor plumbing or an acceptable outhouse.	Toilet/outhouse and kitchen facilities are in reasonably sanitary and working condition. Outhouse must be at least 50 feet from any water source (pond, well, etc.), have a door, and be rodent free.	
	10. No resident in this household has a history of criminal behavior that precludes the family from caring for the child(ren).	Family agrees to criminal record check, if not done previously, which must be obtained within 3 days. No findings, criminal convictions, or pending charges for violence, sexual offenses, crimes against minors, or other criminal acts that would place the child(ren) at risk. Any exceptions require supervisory approval with case documentation of the discussion.	

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	11. There have been no substantiated reports of abuse, neglect, or dependency since the child was placed in this home.	The Responsible Individuals list and county CPS records checks have been completed.	
	12. Family member's alcohol or substance use does not present risk of harm to child(ren).	Self statement regarding use of alcohol and other drugs; observation, other indicators. Interview with placed child(ren) regarding quality of care includes questions about substance abuse in the home. Caregiver understands and acknowledges risks associated with use while providing care to child(ren). Discussed criminal history related to alcohol/substance abuse.	
	13. Caregivers are physically and mentally capable of providing care and supervision.	Self-statement, observation, interview with child(ren) and obvious indicators.	
	14. Caregiver has a strong, quality relationship with the child(ren)	Bonding/attachment is observed in 1:1 relationship between the caregiver and each child during visits. Caregiver demonstrates commitment to the child in responding to child's needs.	
	15. Family is providing a nurturing environment for the child.	Recognizes needs of child(ren) and places priority appropriately. Demonstrates caring/nurturing verbally and behaviorally.	

	<p>16. The caregiver has a relationship with the parent that will allow the placement to succeed and the permanent plan to be achieved.</p>	<p>Parent prefers or is satisfied with this placement. Caregiver is able to recognize the needs of the parent and can set appropriate boundaries with the parent. Caregiver is cooperating with the visitation plan.</p>	
	<p>17. The family dynamics in the kinship home will support the child(ren)'s continued recovery from abuse or neglect.</p>	<p>Child(ren)'s growth and development while in this placement support a conclusion that it is meeting the child's need for support in recovery.</p>	
	<p>18. The caregiver is willing and able to cooperate with the agency.</p>	<p>Follows policies, procedures, recommendations of agency or constructively engages with agency staff about needs for difference.</p>	

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	19. Caregiver has the willingness and ability to meet the needs of the other members of the household	Discuss the financial and emotional impact of caring for placed child(ren). Offer assistance as appropriate. Discuss other children's functioning at school. Discuss emotional and physical health of members of household, including caregiver.	
	20. Caregiver's health status will permit kinship care parent to care for child(ren) for the foreseeable future.	Self-report. Discussion of relevant health issues. Clearance by MD if medical conditions may impact the placement.	

Recommendation of social worker: _____

Caregiver's Signature: _____	Date: _____	Social Worker's Signature _____	Date: _____
Caregiver's Signature: _____	_____	Social Work Supervisor's Signature _____	Date: _____