

# Child Pre-Adoptive Summary

## Suggested Outline

### I. Identifying Information

- Child's first name.
- Child's date of birth.
- Child's race/ethnicity.
- Child's religious heritage.

### II. Legal Status

- If child is legally free for adoption, give dates of parent's relinquishment(s) and/or termination of parental right order(s) or death.
- If child is not legally free for adoption state what needs to take place make child legally free for adoption.

### III. Placement History

- Reason child came into care
  - Describe in detail why, when and how the child was placed in agency's custody.
- Number of placements
  - List all of the child's placements since initially coming into care, giving dates of each placement
  - Describe in detail why the child was removed from each placement,
  - Describe in detail the child's emotional and physical condition at the time of each move.
  - Describe child's relationship with each placement resource.
- Current Placement
  - Describe type of placement (i.e., foster care, relative, residential, group home, etc.)
  - Describe child's relationship with current family

### IV. Physical Description

- Height
- Weight
- Hair and eye color
- Distinguishing features or characteristics, etc.

### V. Personality/Disposition

- Tell what is likeable about this child.
- Describe challenges that the child presents.

### VI. Birth Information

- Child's weight at birth.
- Describe significant details of child's birth (i.e., delivery complications, tests administered and results).
- Genetic traits inherited by child.

### VI. Developmental Milestones

- Describe any developmental delays the child has.
- Tell when the child first crawl, babble, took first step, walk, talk, etc.
- Describe the child's current level of developmental functioning.

### VII. Personal Relationships

- Describe how the child interacts with other children, siblings, adults, animals, friends, etc.
- Describe the child's current feelings about birth family, siblings, foster family, caretaker, others, etc.

- Describe siblings, including plans for siblings, if not seeking placement together.
- Describe the child's interaction and relationship with the birth family.

- Describe current and anticipated involvement of birth family with child.
- Describe the caretaker, therapist, social worker's, etc. assessment of child's ability to trust and attach to new family.
- Describe any unusual or difficult behaviors the child has.

#### **VIII. Health Information**

- Describe any physical, medical or health conditions.
- Describe child's current health condition.
- List child's current medications.

#### **IX. Psychological Information**

- Discuss the child's need for psychological treatment.
- If child is currently in therapy, give frequency of appointments.
- Describe child's diagnosis and prognosis.
- Describe behavioral issues, if any.
- Describe separation, loss and attachment issues.

#### **X. Daily Routine**

- Describe what a typical day is like for this child.
- Describe what it is like to for this child on a daily basis.
- Describe the child sleeping pattern.
- Describe if the child have recurring nightmares.

#### **XI. Eating Habits**

- List the child's favorite and least favorite food(s).
- Describe any food allergies including and symptoms and severity.
- Describe any eating difficulties such as hoarding, gorging, swallowing or stealing food.

#### **XII. Educational Information**

- What is the child's current grade?
- Is child functioning at, above or below grade level?
- Describe any educational test administered and results.
- What, if any, special education needs does the child require?
- In which subjects does the child excel?
- What subjects, if any, are difficult for the child?
- Describe any academic, social and/or behavioral gains the child has made in school.

#### **XIII. Birth Father and Birth Mother Information**

- Physical Description of birth mother and birth father
  - Height
  - Weight
  - Hair and eye color
  - Distinguishing features or characteristics, etc.
  - Tattoos or scars
  - Right or left handed
  - Glasses or contacts
  - Favorite style of dress
- Personality
  - Describe the birth parents disposition.
  - Describe the birth parents' lifestyle.
  - Describe the birth parents interests and talents

- School Information for the Birth Parents
  - What level of education did the birth parents complete?

- What was the birth parent favorite and/or least favorite subjects?.
- Did the birth parents have any special education needs?
- Health/psychological Information for the Birth Parents
  - Describe the birth parents general health.
  - Are there any family health issues or pre-disposition conditions?
  - What was the birth parent favorite and/or least favorite subjects?
  - Describe any psychological diagnosis, giving information on hospitalizations and treatments.
  - Describe birth parents' chemical dependency including age the parents started using and their drug of choice (include alcohol and prescription drugs), treatments and outcomes
  - Describe behaviors of birth parents that impacted the child being removed from the home or released to agency.
- Birth Family Network
  - List information regarding all known relatives and their whereabouts (even if they have never met the child).
  - List close family friends, godparents, and other non-relatives who played significant roles in the child's life..

**XIV. Child's Preparation for Adoption**

- Describe the child's understanding of why s/he is being adopted.
- Describe how the child is being prepared for adoption, including any issues regarding transitioning to a new family.
- Describe the child's expectation of an adoptive family.
- Describe recruitment efforts made on behalf of the child.

**XV. Agency's Recommendation for Adoptive Placement**

- Describe desirable characteristics of a potential adoptive family which would be suitable for the child.
- Describe the strengths and needs (not to be confused with special needs status for adoption assistance eligibility).

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