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Adoption Home Study Checklist

- Letters of suitability for each adult living in the home of the petitioners). Refers to the FBI and the SBI clearances. § 26-10E-19(a)(1).
- Child abuse and neglect (CA/N) clearances pursuant to the Adam Walsh Act, for all household members 14+ from any state in which any petitioner has resided for 5+ years. § 26-10E-19(a)(2).
- Anticipated costs/expenses related to the adoption. § 26-10E-19(a)(3).
- Any agency/social worker licenses. § 26-10E-19(a)(4).
- 6 reference letters: 4 unrelated to the petitioners) by blood/marriage, and 2 related to the petitioners) by blood/marriage. If there are 2 petitioners, 1 related reference letter shall be written by a member of each petitioner's family. § 26-10E- 19(a)(5).
- Medical reports on all individuals living in the home, and letters from any prescribing doctors for any controlled substance prescriptions. § 26-10E-19(a)(6).
- Financial worksheets for each petitioner's previous tax year, OR a copy of previous year's tax returns. § 26-10E-19(a)(7).
- Copies of each petitioner's birth certificates and marriage licenses. § 26-10E- 19(a) (8).
- Copies of current pet vaccinations. § 26-10E-19(a)(9).
- Copies of any divorce decrees, if applicable. § 26-10E-19(a)(10).
- Copies of any death certificates, if applicable. § 26-10E-19(a)(11).
- Verification of who will do supervisory visits, if applicable. § 26-10E-19(a)(12). In every adoption proceeding, after a child has been placed in the home of the petitioners), the post-placement investigator must observe the adoptee and interview each petitioner in the home as soon as possible after notice of the placement but within 45 days after the placement. § 26-10E-19(h).
- A written biography of each petitioner, including medical and social history. § 26-10E-19(a)(13)