



**Department of Human Services
Division of Children and Family Services**

- ICPC FOSTER CARE HOME STUDY CHECK LIST -

EACH FOSTER CARE HOME STUDY MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1: All of the household members must be present at the same time during at least one of the home visits made to each prospective foster home.
- 2: In a two-parent home, the husband and wife shall be joint applicants and each will participate in the approval process.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification that the couple have been married at least two years or divorced one year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical exams that were conducted within the prior six months (copies of exam or physician's statement required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evaluation and determination that the foster family is stable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documentation that the prospective foster parents are both at least twenty-one years old
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical documentation that all members of the household over twelve years old have received a Mantoux skin test for tuberculosis.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical documentation that all preschool age children in the household have all current health immunizations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence that the foster parents are physically, mentally, and emotionally capable of caring for children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documentation of sufficient financial resources to meet the child's needs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Written plans for childcare if both parents are employed outside the home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptable methods of discipline were discussed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copies of at least three references
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Registry Checks are required for all household members age ten and over. The check may not be older than twelve months from date of ICPC approval. NOTE: If a proposed placement resource and their family has resided or worked in Arkansas for less than five years, a check for child abuse and neglect will be conducted in those other states of residency or work during that five year period
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Criminal Record Checks are required for all household members age eighteen and over. The check may not be older than twelve months from date of ICPC approval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Motor Vehicles Record Check
<input type="checkbox"/>	FBI fingerprint check is required on all residents of a household over eighteen years of age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Parent Training documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description of the home, its location and environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessment of home safety, including water hazards, firearm safety and dangerous pets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof that all firearms are maintained in a secure locked location.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke Detector(s) are present in the home
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Extinguisher(s) are present in the home
<input type="checkbox"/>	CPR Certification is documented
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid Certification is documented

DISTRIBUTION: Submit the original and two copies of the completed home study to your local liaison, county supervisor or adoption supervisor as appropriate.

WORKER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ICPC LIAISON SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____