

Adoptive Parents Qualification

Household Items and Safety Considerations

- o First-aid kit
- o Medications, vitamins, cleaning products, other toxic substances out of child's reach
- o Covered kitchen trash
- o Gates for stairs
- o Windows have secure screens and locks
- o Fencing around swimming pool or pools of water
- o Hot tub has a locked top
- o Emergency telephone numbers visible
- o Firearms in locked container with ammunition stored in a separate locked container

Medical condition.

- o History of serious or current chronic illness, a doctor's letter indicating physical stability, ability to parent and expectation to live to a child's majority (which is the age of 16).
- o History of substance abuse, proof of rehabilitation is needed
- o Women may also have their breasts checked, while men may have their genitals check for any early signs of cancer or other serious conditions
- o History of substance abuse. Must provide evidence of successful completion of a licensed treatment program and two years of current abstinence.
- o For cancer patients need five year survival

Emotional Health – Prospective parents need to be in stable emotional health.

- o If there is current or history of psychiatric illness, a statement indicating emotional stability is needed.
- o If there was or is use of medication, a doctor's statement of current emotional stability and ability to parent a child is needed.

Your lifestyle.

- o Diet
- o How much you exercise

- How much alcohol you drink
- Smoke
- Pets in the house

A complete physical
examination

- Weight and Height, BMI < 40
- Blood pressure < 139/80 mmHg.
- Systemic examinations if abnormal; focusing on effected organ
- Blood test for sugar
- Lipids profile
- Infectious diseases; HIV?