



Kinship Foster Care Home Inspection Checklist

Kinship Family Name: _____

Kinship Family Address: _____

Item	Yes	No	Notes/Supports needed or areas of follow-up noted:	Date any concerns were resolved and initials of staff confirming resolutions.
Does the home have safe water for bathing and drinking?				
Does the home have heating and/or cooling that is appropriate for the geographic region? (may include ceiling/floor fans, portable or window A/C units, swamp coolers, using open doors/windows for cross-ventilation, kerosene and propane heaters, wood-burning stoves)				
Does the home have access to electricity and/or lighting, based on the children's needs?				
Is the home free of insect and rodent infestation? If not, what's needed to support the family? (pest traps, home repair, arrange for pest management, temporary housing while getting rid of pests, other)				
Are pets at the home safe to be around (do not pose a health or safety threat)				



Is the outdoor space that children will have access to safe, based on their age and development? (consider swimming pools/hot tubs, bodies of water like lakes/rivers, street traffic and railroad tracks, farm animals and equipment, trampoline, wells) If no, what's needed to support the family? (supervision, lock/baby gate, door alarms, pool/hot tub cover, fence, trampoline safety net, secure well cover, other)				
Is the home free from any other safety hazards in the home or surrounding area that children have access to? (overflowing garbage, uncontained pet waste, mold, peeling lead paint, excessive debris) If no, what is needed to support the family? (sanitation discussion, mold remediation, lead paint testing and painting, debris clean up, other)				
Are tools stored out of reach of children? Are they stored in a manner that is consistent with the developmental level and behaviors of the child/youth? (could be power or yard tools, saws, axes, knives, etc.)				
Are hazardous materials stored out of reach of children and away from where food is stored or prepared? Are they stored in a manner that is consistent with the developmental level and behaviors of the child/youth? (could be cleaning supplies, pesticides, gasoline, alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, etc.)				
Are prescription and over-the-counter				

medications (including vitamins, herbal remedies and pet medications) stored out of reach of children?				
Are firearms, weapons, and ammunition stored locked, unloaded, and inaccessible to children? Are ammunition and arrows stored separately? If not, what is needed to support the family? (gun safe, fingerprint/combo lock, move weapons out of the home/off the property, other) *Law enforcement professionals are exempt				
Does the family (including children) have access to a working phone or way to call for help in an emergency? Includes cell phones, landlines, wifi calling, and shortwave radios.				
Is the home free from fire hazards such as exposed wires or electrical outlets, flammable materials within 3 feet of a fire source (space heater or wood stove), multiple extension cords connected together?				
Does the home have a properly functioning smoke detector on each floor, carbon monoxide detector? If not, what is needed to support the family? (smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, batteries)				
Does the home have at least one operating fire extinguisher that is easy to get to?				
Is there at least one exit (a door or window) from each child's sleeping space that is unblocked, large enough for each child to get through, an exit to the outside? If not, what is needed to support the				

family? (home improvement services, other)				
Do all children/youth have an appropriate bed or crib and appropriate bedding?				
Does the home have an operating sink/faucet and means for providing safe food preparation, storage, cooling, heating and/or reheating of food? Is there a method for washing, rinsing, and storing dishes in a safe and sanitary manner?				
Does the home have an operating toilet? Does the home have an operating bathtub and/or shower? Are provisions made for privacy of the toilet and bathtub and/or shower?				
Does the home have a swimming pool on the premises? If yes, please address the following questions: • Does the swimming pool have a barrier on all sides? • Is access to the swimming pool locked? • Does the swimming pool have a life-saving device that is available and easily accessible? • Can the swimming pool be emptied OR have a working pump and filtration system				
Does the home have a hot tub/spa on the premises? If yes, please address the following questions: • Does the hot tub/spa have a safety cover and remain locked when not in use? • Does the hot tub/spa have a working pump and filtration system?				

• Are children/youth using the hot tub/spa at a temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit or lower? • Can children stand on the bottom with their heads completely out of the water?				
Does the home have a basement? If yes, please address the following questions: • Is there more than one exit? • Is it large enough and accessible enough for a child to escape?				

Signature of staff completing the home inspection

Date

Signature of kinship caregiver

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