Foster Parent Mentor Qualifications, Training and Duties

Minimum Qualifications:

- Current or previous foster parent in good standing
- 3 years minimum experience with children of various ages and behavior challenges
- No open abuse reports or Corrective Action Plans
- Open to partnering with biological and extended family, potential adoptive families, and child welfare professionals to achieve permanency
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Flexible time schedule
- Valid driver’s license
- Committed to a positive approach
- High school diploma or equivalent

Training:

- 3 day foster parent mentor training
- Become a MAPP Trainer
- Overview of QPI pre-service training
- 12 hours of CEU’s each year (that is in addition to the agency’s current requirement).

Duties:

- Monthly meeting with Foster Care Liaison
- Teach pre-service training to prospective foster parents
- Be available to be assigned to new foster parents
- Establish a personal, working relationship with foster parents
- Physically meet with the foster parents in their home at least once
- Make phone/email contact as requested
- Advocate attendance at FAPA
- Complete monthly mentor reporting forms
- Mentor new foster families for a minimum of 3 months
- Assist new foster parents in navigating the foster care system
Foster Parent Mentor Application

Name: ____________________________________________ Date: ________________

Occupation: ___________________________ Level of Education: _________________

Home Address: ___________________________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________ Phone #: ___________________

Personal Interests: ________________________________________________________

Do you have a valid Driver’s License? __________________________

Are you currently a licensed foster parent in Volusia, Flagler or Putnam Counties?

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Which CPA (CHS, Devereux, FUMCH or NTF) is your licensing provider?

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How long have you been (or were you) a foster parent? ___________________________

Please list all biological and adopted children under the age of 18 reside in your home:

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Please list all foster children (first name only) who reside in your home:

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About which age group do you feel you are best qualified to offer advice and support to new foster parents (You may check more than one):

_____ 0-5 years   _____ 6-12 years   _____ 13-17 years   _____ No preference

Please check all areas in which you feel you well qualified to offer advice and support to new foster parents (Please check all that apply):

_____ Behavioral Issues   _____ Sexual Abuse   _____ Physical Abuse
_____ Emotional Issues   _____ Mental Health Issues   _____ Medical Issues
_____ Navigating the School System   _____ Information re: Community Services
_____ Permanency Planning   _____ Working with Biological Families
_____ Trauma Informed Care   _____ Support through Abuse Investigations

Please describe your experience and comfort level working with children of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Please describe any specific areas in which you may not feel comfortable providing support to new foster parents:
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Please describe your experience in working with biological parents and family members, as well as adoptive parents, to help children achieve permanency:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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I have read and understand the Foster Parent Mentor Program Description and Job Requirements. I attest that I meet all of the job requirements. I am willing to share my personal experiences with new foster parents. I am willing to refer new foster parents to CPC when necessary. I acknowledge that I cannot counsel new foster parents in legal or psychiatric matters and will refer to CPC when these situations arise. I will, to the best of my ability, provide support to new foster parents assigned to me and follow the foster parent mentor program rules, including confidentiality.

_________________________________  ______________________
Signature        Date