

*Casey Foster Applicant Inventory – Applicant Version
(CFAI-A)*

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Please try to answer all items. If an item does not completely apply to your situation, try to select the closest or best answer from the alternatives given.

Applicant Name: _____

Date completed: _____

Case ID: _____

Worker's Email Address: _____

Agency Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Are you currently:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married and living with a spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married, separated from spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never married, not cohabitating | <input type="checkbox"/> Cohabitating – married previously |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cohabitating – never married | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Gender:

- Female
 Male

How many birth or adoptive children do you have? _____

How many birth or adoptive children live with you? _____

How many step-children do you have? _____

How many step-children live with you? _____

Are you planning to provide kinship care? _____ Yes _____ No

What is your current employment status?

- Employed full-time (30 hours or more per week)
- Employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week)
- Unemployed and looking for work
- Homemaker, not employed outside of the home
- Disabled or retired, not employed outside of the home
- Other (please specify)

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- No schooling completed
- Nursery school to 4th grade
- 5th grade or 6th grade
- 7th grade or 8th grade
- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade
- 12th grade, NO DIPLOMA
- High School Graduate - High school diploma or the equivalent (i.e. GED)
- 1 or more years of college, no degree
- Associate degree (i.e. AA, AS)
- Bachelors degree (i.e. BA, AB, BS)
- Masters degree (i.e. MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
- Professional degree (i.e. MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
- Doctorate degree (i.e. PhD, EdD)

What is your race? Check one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Some Other Race : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | |

Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Select "No" if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.

- No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino: _____

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	RESPONSE (1 – 4)	
1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree		1. Children's good behavior should be rewarded.
		2. Others believe I'm good with people.
		3. I can handle a foster child going home if I believe the child will be well cared for.
		4. I can't foster if my worker and the child's worker don't talk to each other about foster child.
		5. I can foster a child who lies about everything.
		6. I'll work hard to help a foster child do the best they can in school.
		7. I'm good at solving problems, even when I don't know the cause.
		8. I can't be a good foster parent if a worker is too busy to help me.
		9. I can help my foster child continue a relationship with birth parent(s).
		10. My household has regular routines and times to do things during the week.
1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree		11. I can be a good foster parent to a young teen who is sexually active.
		12. The progress a child makes (even if it's slow) will keep me going as a foster parent.
		13. I'll set rules and guidelines for a foster child.
		14. I can teach foster children to get along with adults.
		15. I'll ease a child's fears about going back home to live with birth parents.
		16. I won't be able to foster well unless the agency includes me in planning a foster child's future.
		17. I can't foster if a worker doesn't trust me.
		18. I can't foster a child who masturbates.
		19. I'll be good at getting services a foster child might need.
		20. Foster children should be encouraged to continue schooling after high school.
		21. I think it's important for a child to keep a journal or memory book.
		22. I can't handle the foster care system telling me how to be a parent.
		23. I'll be able to adjust to frequent changes in workers.
		24. I won't put down a foster child's birth parent(s).
		25. Children need a regular bedtime.
		26. I can't foster a child who doesn't try at all in school.
		27. I'll encourage a foster child to do after-school activities.
		28. I'm able to help a foster child prepare for where they're going to live next.

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		30. I can help a child handle feelings related to visits with birth parent(s).
		31. I can be a good foster parent to a child who is gay or lesbian.
		32. I have enough flexibility in my life to deal with a foster child's needs.
		33. My neighbors will accept a foster child in my home.
		34. I'm respectful to people I'm upset with.
		35. I like teaching children how to do new things.
		36. I'll let a foster child keep gifts and pictures from birth family.
		37. I can foster a child who says mean and hurtful things to me.
		38. I'll consistently stick to limits set for children.
		39. I can't foster if a worker doesn't respect me.
		40. I can foster a child who has a really bad temper.
1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree		41. I might be mean to a foster child when I'm stressed out.
		42. I want children to be independent.
		43. I can't foster if a worker doesn't return my phone calls within 2-3 days.
		44. I can foster a child who is mean or cruel to a lot of people.
		45. I can't be a good foster parent if I'm not satisfied with my worker.
		46. We have a lot of love in our home.
		47. I'll need a lot of agency support to foster well.
		48. I'm able to help a child who is trying to be loyal to both me and birth parent(s).
		49. I can foster a child who uses bad language, such as dirty words for body parts and sex.
		50. I can foster a child who doesn't respect people's privacy.
		51. I can foster a child who has lots of bad habits.
		52. I can foster a child who steals.

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Please answer this set of questions if you currently are married or living with an adult in a committed, intimate relationship. If you are not currently married or paired, please go on to Question 63.

	RESPONSE (1 – 4)	
1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree		53. My partner strongly supports my fostering efforts.
		54. My partner and I have similar beliefs about how to parent foster children.
		55. My partner and I have differing views on how to discipline young children.
		56. My partner and I are used to talking things over every day.
		57. Our relationship has been stormy because of the different ways we were raised.
		58. My partner and I share household responsibilities.
		59. My partner and I agree on how to discipline teenagers.
		60. My partner and I are used to solving problems together.
		61. I have a strong relationship.
		62. My partner and I will back each other up in parenting.

Please answer this set of questions if you have birth or adopted children living in or outside the home. If you do not have birth or adopted children, please go on to Question 69.

	RESPONSE (1 – 4)	
1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree		63. My children want to have a foster brother or sister.
		64. My children are able to deal with a foster child with serious problems.
		65. My children are able to handle foster children coming and going.
		66. I spank my children.
		67. I'll treat my birth/adopted children and foster children as equals.
		68. My children are worried about getting enough attention when foster children move in.

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Please answer this set of questions if you are planning to provide kin care. If you do not plan to provide kin care, you are finished completing the CFAI-A.

	RESPONSE (1 – 4)	
1 = strongly disagree		69. I can be a foster parent to this child, as well as be a relative.
2 = disagree		70. I can protect this child from birth parent(s), if needed.
3 = agree		71. I'd keep information from the agency to protect the birth parent(s).
4 = strongly agree		72. I'm ashamed of my family member who might be an unfit parent.
		73. I'm worried about being sued by the birth parent(s).
		74. There is too much conflict with the birth parent(s) for the placement to work.

Foster Child Development-Applicant (FCD-A). The FCD-A subscale is composed of the following 30 items:

1,2,3,6,7,9,10,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,24,25,27,28,30,32,33,34,35,36,38,41,42,45,46,48

Challenging Children-Applicant (CC-A). The CC-A subscale is composed of the following 13 items:

5,11,18,26,29,31,37,40,44,49,50,51,52

Worker/Agency Challenges-Applicant (WAC-A). The WAC-A subscale is composed of the following 9 items:

4,8,16,17,22,23,39,43,47

Coparenting-Applicant (CP-A). The CP-A subscale is composed of items 53 through 62.

Integrating Foster Children-Applicant (IFC-A). The IFC-A subscale is composed of items 63 through 68.

Kinship Care-Applicant (KC-A). The KC-A subscale is composed of items 69 through 74.
