

Home Study Assessment for Adoption or Foster Care

# of pages double-spaced	Points
2-4	1 point
5+	2 points

The format that is used by your agency should be used to complete this assignment, and should include the following information (eg. SAFE Home Study Assessment Tool <http://www.safehomestudy.org/Home.aspx>)

The following information is typically included in a Home Study Assessment:

- Identifying Information for each parent
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Religion
 - Education level
 - Employment
 - Employer
- Study Process-dates, locations of meetings, etc.
- Motivation for and understanding of Adoption and/or Foster Care
- Background information for each parent
 - Birth Info
 - Family/Siblings
 - Discipline
 - School
 - Work
 - How they handle anger
 - Activities they enjoy alone
 - Physical Description
 - Relationship with In-laws
- Marriage/Relationship
 - How the couple met
 - Problems in adjusting
 - Difficulties
 - Describe marriage
 - Sexual relationship (especially if after infertility)
- Type of child desired
 - Age
 - Race
 - Medical issues
 - Family history

Transracial Adoption

How they plan to celebrate/incorporate their child's cultural heritage into their lives

Support groups in area

Diversity in their family, community, etc.

- Openness-what type of relationship would they like to have with birthparents?

- Child care plans
- Spiritual orientation
- Lifestyle
- Parenting skills
 - Experience
 - Philosophy
 - Plans for discipline
- Physical Health
 - Medical report for each parent
 - Include height, weight, any health issues/concerns
- Financial Information
 - Income
 - Assets
 - Liabilities
 - Life Insurance
 - Medical Insurance Provider
- Guardianship Plan
- Home and Community
- References
- Public Record Search Results
- Social Worker's Impression and Recommendation
- Post-Placement Supervision Information