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APPLICATION FOR FAMILY FOSTER HOME

WELCOME!

The Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA) of the Division of Public Welfare, Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) welcomes your interest in providing care to our foster children. Our children are in foster care because of either physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect in their family. Foster parents have an important and rewarding role that will directly impact, nurture and support the child's life while temporarily removed from their homes.

Individuals applying to become foster parents must be U.S. citizens or resident aliens and be residents of Guam (this includes active duty military personnel).

Who May Apply:

- Married Couples
- Domestic Partners (joint or alone)
- Single Persons (including single parents) 18 years or older

If you meet the requirements above, please complete all the documents in the enclosed application packet and submit to the Bureau of Social Services Administration for processing. This will help us in certifying you as a prospective parent.

The application packet includes:

- Application for License
- Autobiography of Foster Parent Form
- Report of Medical History Form and Instruction Sheet (required for each applicant including Tuberculosis Clearance)
- Financial Report Sheet and Instruction Sheet
- Employment Verification Form and Instruction Sheet
- (3) Character Reference Form and Instruction Sheet
- Consent for Disclosure Form

Families interested in our foster care program must submit the following:

- Guam Police and Court Clearances
- Copy of recent check stub
- Marriage Certificate/license if applicable
- Clearance from investigative agency (i.e. Navy Criminal Investigative Services, Offices of Special investigation) if active military personnel)

What to Expect:

A social evaluation of the application and home environment will be conducted by our agency to assess the applicant's personal character, fitness and factors which show competency for the care of foster children.

If an applicant has satisfactorily met the above requirements, the Department will issue a certification showing approval for licensing a family foster home. The license is valid for two years.

We need dedicated families that will meet the challenging needs of our children. We appreciate your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

You may contact us at:

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