APPLICATION FOR FOSTER CARE

The purpose of this application is to gather information needed to determine eligibility for a foster home license in accordance with the State of Wisconsin DCF 56 Administrative Code. All applicants are expected to provide truthful and sufficient information on this application to enable the licensing agency to verify whether they meet the requirements for a foster home license.

Giving false information or withholding information constitutes grounds for denial of license.

1. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Applicant 1								
Last Name			First Name				Middle Name	
Maiden Name/Previous	names:		Date	e of Birth:	Place of Birth:		Gender:	Race:
Driver's License Number	: Social Sec	urity Numb	er:	Highest L	evel of Education:	Marital Status		
Home Address:					City:	State:	Ž	Zip Code:
Home Phone: Cell			one:			Work Phone:		
Email Address:								
Primary Income:	-	□ Public Assi □ Social Secu		ce	☐ Support Payme☐ Multiple Source		her Income	
Occupation:				ŀ	Hourly Rate/Yearly I	ncome:		
Current Employer/Addre	SS:			l .				
Please list your job expe		st ten years	. Sta	rt with you	r most recent empl	oyment.		
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Were you ever the reside	ent of another st	ate or coun	try?	□ No □ Yo		st the states along was previously lived in,		
Were you ever in the mil	itary? □ No □	Yes – If yes,	, pleas	se list bran	ch of service, date	of enlistment and d	lischarge.	
Applicant 2 (If you are	a single nerson a	annlying nla	ease (do not com	unlete this section)			
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Maiden Name/Previous	names:		Date	e of Birth:	Place of Birth:		Gender:	Race:

Driver's License	e Number:	Social Securit	ty Number:	Highest Level	of Education:	Marital Status	
Home Address	:				City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:			Cell Phone:			Work Phone:	
Email Address:							
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Occupation:	□ Military	□ S0	ocial Security		Multiple Source y Rate/Yearly I		er Income
Current Employ	yer/Address:						
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Former Marriages	Name of Fo	rmer Spouses	Marriag	ge Data & Place	Divor	ce Date & Place	Death Date & Place
Applicant 1							
Applicant 2							
PLEAS	L E LIST ADDITIC	NAL PREVIOUS	MARRIAGES	, INCLUDING AB	OVE INFORMA	TION, ON AN ADDIT	TIONAL SHEET.
			3. HOUS	SEHOLD CO	MPOSITIO	N	
Do You:				Footage of your	home:		

Number of: Dogs Directions to Home:		Birds		
School District/School Names: _				
	4.	. PARENT/CHIL	D RELATIONSHIPS	

Minor Children of Applicant(s)

Full Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Relationship (indicate if adopted)	Live in Home	Do you financially support the child?	Address
				□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	
				□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	
				□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	

PLEASE WRITE ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.

Adult Children of Applicant(s)

Full Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Relationship (indicate if adopted)	Live in Home	Do you financially support the child?	Address
				□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	
				□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	
				□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	

PLEASE WRITE ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.

5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Have you or any member of your household ever applied for a foster care license before? No Yes – If yes, name of agency to which you applied:
Was the license issued? □ No □ Yes − If yes, please give approximate dates of licensure:
Did you or any member of your household ever have a foster care license revoked? □ No □ Yes − If yes, please give details.
Have you or any member of your household ever applied for a childcare certificate/ daycare license before? No Yes – If yes, name of agency to which you applied:
Was the certificate/license issued? □ No □ Yes – If yes, please give approximate dates of licensure:
Do you or any member of your household have a history of mental illness? No Yes – If yes, please explain:
Do you or any member of your household have a history of significant physical illness? No Yes – If yes, please explain:

6. CRIMINAL HISTORY

Applicants are expected to disclose all criminal and arrest history to determine eligibility. The licensing agency will conduct criminal, FBI and Child Protective Services checks on all household members 10 or older.

Not all criminal convictions ban applicants from a license, however an applicant is unqualified to hold a foster home license if the applicant, or any other person in the household, has been convicted of a crime, or is pending criminal charges that substantially relate to caring for children and/or operating a foster home. **Providing false or insufficient information regarding the applicants' past or present criminal conviction, child abuse or neglect investigations or substantial governmental findings, constitutes grounds for denial of a foster home license.**

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1(Full name of other people only	Date of Birth	Relationship to Applicant(s)
	sehold members, 10 years or older, will be requinduct a criminal background check.	·	Disclosure Form and the licensing agen
	Have you or any member of your family ever recand/or Social Service Department from any other supervision, child or juvenile protective services Applicant 1: Yes No	er county? This includes any mi and/or any other human servio	inor children on court ordered juvenile
	Applicant 1: Yes No		pplicant 2: Yes No
	Have you ever been reported to Children's Prote abandonment? If yes, please describe the circur		
	Applicant 1: □ Yes □ No	A	pplicant 2:

Please list the names and addresses of four individuals **unrelated to you** and two **relative** references who have knowledge of your home environment, lifestyle and capability to be a foster parent. All references will be contacted.

Relationship	Name	Telephone Number	Email Address	Mailing Address and Zip Code
Non-Relative #1				
Non-Relative #2				
Non-Relative #3				
Non-Relative #4				
Relative #1				
Relative #2				

9. CHILD DESIRED

Children are separated from their parents for many reasons. These include: physical or sexual abuse; neglect or abandonment; physical, mental or substance abuse problems of a parent; death of a parent; or the child's emotional/behavior problems. Children who need foster care come from all backgrounds and are of every race, age and religion. Try not to be too limited when considering number, ages and gender of children you are willing to care for. A very restrictive license could result in no appropriate matches for your home. Please do not apply if you are not willing to accept children of all races.

A.	How many beds do you h	nave available	for foster placemen	ts?			
				_	der; this includes you ow		
	•	•	•	·	der the age of 12, may s	hare a double b	ed.
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В.	Please indicate the age r			•			
_	□ 0-6 □ 0-				☐ Other (give ages)		
C.	Please indicate what gen	der would be	-				
_		2	□ Boy □ Girl	□ Both □ Siblir	ngs		
D.	Would you accept a sibli	• •					
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E.	If you already have ident						
	Full Name of Child	Date of Birth	Relationship to Child	County of	Name of Child's Worker	Telephone	!
		BILLII	Critia	Dependency	worker	Number	
	Is the child or children al						
Please	check yes or no to the follo		UPERVISION C			ules are ground	ds for
revocat	ion of a foster home licens	se.					
						Yes	No
We w	ill provide adult supervision	on for all child	ren under 10 years	of age at all times.			
We w	ill ensure that foster child	ren 10 years o	f age or older receiv	ve supervision at a	ll times		
We w	ill not allow a foster child	to be left to c	are for another child	d.			
We w	ill not allow a foster child	to operate an	v machinery or equ	ipment that is bevo	ond his or her knowleds	ge or □	
	al or physical capability.		, ,			,	
	not plan to have various	people that h	ave not been introd	luced to our foster	children, visiting or spe	ending 🗆	
the ni	ght at our home on a regu	ılar basis.					
All oc	casional visitors, including	family, friend	ls and neighbors, ar	e safe and do not p	oose a threat to foster		
	en placed in out-of-home						
We w	ill contact the licensing wo	orker prior to	allowing an unlicens	sed individual to pr	rovide substitute care fo	or our $_{\square}$	

Child Care Assistance for Foster Children

Foster children can qualify for child care assistance if both of the foster parents, or in the case of a single foster parent, work outside the home. The foster parent will fill out an application for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program during the licensing process. The application will be submitted as soon as a child is paced in your care. Your licensing worker will give you more information on the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program during the licensing process.

Applicants that provide daycare/childcare in their home:

foster children. (Record checks will be conducted on all substitute care providers.)

According to the Wisconsin foster care rules, a foster home licensee may not combine the care of foster children with regular parttime care of other non-related children or adults or conduct business or provide services in the foster home without approval from the foster care licensing agency. Approval by the licensing agency will depend on evidence that the additional activities will not interfere with the quality or manner of care provided to foster children. If you would like approval to operate a licensed or certified childcare in your home and a foster home, you must:

- Attach a copy of your childcare license/certification to this application.
- > Contact your childcare worker for approval to combine childcare with foster care (there may be additional forms to fill out).
- Agree to abide by the following foster care rules:
 - o I agree not to regularly care for more than 2 children under the age of 2 years old.
 - o I agree not to have more than 8 children in my care at one time (this would include your own children, foster children and childcare children).
 - o I agree to not use the bedroom or bed that has been reserved for foster placements for daycare children
 - o I agree not to provide childcare that may pose a threat to my foster children.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

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The following is a list of safety issues and practices. Please check each issue and/or practice that applies to your home.
□ All medications and alcohol are locked up or stored in a manner to prevent access by children.
□ We only transport foster children in an insured vehicle using safety belts and approved infant and child seats and restraints in accordance with state law.
□ Operational smoke detectors are used in all bedroom areas, head of each stairway, one on each level of the home and in areas that pose a fire risk.
□ A charged general purpose fire extinguisher is located in or near the kitchen and we know how to operate it.
$\ \ \Box \ \text{Cleaning supplies, pesticides and other toxic substances are not kept in food storage areas and are inaccessible to young children.}$
□ All hot surfaces, such as wood stoves or fireplace inserts, have been made inaccessible to children with screening or other protective barriers.
☐ We have an adequate septic and sewage disposal system.
□ Electrical outlets and sockets are covered or equipped with protective devices to prevent electrical shock.
□ The temperature of the hot water heater is maintained between 105-120 degrees Fahrenheit.
$\ \square$ Our family has and all family members are familiar with a fire evacuation plan.
□ No vicious or infected animals are kept in our home or elsewhere on the premises. Our pets are free of disease, up-to-date on rabies vaccinations and pose no physical or health risk to children.
$\ \square$ All guns and ammunition are locked up and guns are unloaded with the firing pins removed.
☐ The swimming pool/hot tub/spa has either a 5-foot fence constructed so that it does not obscure the pool/hot tub/spa from view around it with a self-latching gate or an approved pool/hot tub/spa cover.
☐ All stairways have handrails and will be equipped with a safety gate for placement of children under 5.
□ Our well has been certified free of impurities by the Health Department or a licensed water inspection company.
☐ We will post a fire evacuation plan in our home and review the plan with foster placements.
☐ We have a vacant bed/crib(s) set up for future foster placements.
☐ The carpet in our home is affixed securely and does not pose a tripping hazard to children.
□ Our home is free of broken, rundown, defective, inoperative or unsafe building parts, furnishings and equipment.

12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A foster parent shall have a stable income sufficient to meet the foster family's obligation without reliance on the basic maintenance payments received for the care of foster children placed in the foster home. Foster parents will receive a base rate for each child placed in their home that foster parents are expected to provide for the children: basic transportation, clothing, personal items, food, shelter, school supplies, foster child allowance, toys books and other items as needed.

Age of Child	2022 Basic Monthly Reimbursement Rate
0 – 4	\$420.00
5 - 11	\$460.00
12 - 14	\$522.00
15 - 18	\$545.00

Additional payments are added to the basic rate for children placed in treatment foster care and/or have a higher difficulty of care level. All children will receive a one-time clothing allowance when initially placed in foster care. Foster children also receive a medical card. Young children qualify for WIC. School age children receive free lunch while in school.

Transportation

Racine County will only place children in foster homes that have stable transportation (a driver's license and an insured car). Licensed foster parents are expected to transport their foster children to family visits, school (if applicable), medical and dental appointments, court, counseling appointments and other appointments as deemed necessary.

Gross Wages First Applicant Second Applicant Net Wages	\$
Second Applicant Net Wages	\$
Net Wages	
-	\$
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First Applicant	\$
Second Applicant	
Other Income	
Public Assistance (W2, SSI, Foodshare, etc.)	\$
(Interest, Property, Dividends, etc.)	
(Total Gross Income \$
Monthly Expenses	
Rent/Mortgage	\$
Heat/Electricity	\$
Water	
Cable	• —————
Groceries and other household items	\$
Recreation/Entertainment	• ——————
Transportation (i.e. gas, bus fare, etc.)	
Installment Purchases (i.e. credit cards, care notes, etc.)	
Clothing	
Insurance Premiums (auto, home/renters, life, etc.)	• ——————
Medical/Dental expenses.	
Education expenses (i.e. school loans).	
Other Expenses	
Other Experises	Total Gross Income \$
if you arrange have a placed in disease the fall or time.	
If you own your home, please indicate the following:	
Purchase Price: Balance Due:	
Please attach the last 3 pay stubs from your employer. If you are self-employed o some other reason, please attach a copy of your last two years' federal income tax	
I/We filed both state and federal income tax returns last year.	
□ Yes □ No If No, state reason:	
I/We have had to file for Bankruptcy.	
□ Yes □ No If Yes, state reason and date(s):	
= 105 = 110 in 103, state reason and date(3).	
Please use this space to note any additional financial information that you believe the	he Department should be aware of.

13.AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT

I/We affirm that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

In signing this application, I/We understand that the completion of routine forms will be required of my/our references, physician, and employer and that my/our financial and marital status will be verified and a criminal background check will be conducted.

Signature of Applicant 1

Date

Date

PROTECTIVE SERVICES CHECK CONSENT FORM

By signing this form, you are giving the Racine County Human Services Department consent to check our records for the following information on <u>ALL</u> members of your household. This includes parental consent for any minor children in the home.

- Any allegations and/or investigations of abuse/neglect and the outcome.
- Any child/juvenile protective services involvement.
- Any misappropriation of client's funds.
- Any juvenile apprehensions and/or adjudications.
- Any services provided to you by the Racine County Human Services Department.
- Any past licensing/certification files and/or violations.
- Any other information regarding applicant's ability to provide care to children.

This information will be used only to screen eligibility for a foster home license. You may be asked to provide the Foster Care Program with additional information regarding any record that is found. All information gathered for this purpose will remain confidential. Adults and children 10 years of age or older must sign below or the application cannot be processed.

Applicant 1:	Date:
Applicant 2:	Date:
All other household members (including children 10 and older)	
	Date:

QUESTIONS: Responses to all questions required.

1.	Please explain why you are interested in becoming a foster family.			
2.	How did you hear about foster care?			
3.	How will you help support the reunification process between the foster child placed in your home and his/her family?			
4.	How will you ensure that a child placed with you, who is of a different race than you, will have his/her cultural needs met?			
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5.	How will you prepare yourself and your family to cope when a child who have been fostering is returned to their			
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6.	What is your comfort level for working directly with the foster child's birth parents or extended family?			

Wis. Stat. § 48.685 Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 12.03

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE (BID)

This form is required under the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 48.685 and Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 12.03. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 48.685 and Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 12.03, this form must be completed prior to licensure, employment or non-client residency and is only valid for 120 days. Failure to comply may result in a denial or revocation of your license; or denial or termination of your employment or contract.

Providing your social security number is voluntary. However, not providing it could delay the background check process. The personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, Wis. Stat. §15.04(1)(m)].

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR ANSWERS. ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED.

	the box that applies to you. rent or Prospective Employee / Contracto	or 🔲 Non	-Client Resident (10 years o	of age and olde	er)	
	licant for a license (including continuation ewal)	n or	er – Specify:			
Name -	(First and Middle) Name – (Last)	Position Title (If applicable)		
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Any Otl	er Names By Which You Have Been Known ((Including Maiden Name)	I	Birth Date	Gende	r (M / F)
Race				Social Securit	y Number(s)	
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Home A			City	State	Zip Code	
Name a	nd address of Potential Employer or Licensing	g Agency.				
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SECTION A – ACTS, CRIMES, AND OFFENSES THAT MAY ACT AS A BAR OR RESTRICTION					YES	NO
1. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you or were you ever convicted of any crime anywhere, including in federal, state, county, local, military, and tribal courts? Have you ever been convicted of another offense such as a municipal ordinance violation or a civil offense under a local ordinance?						
▶ If Yes, list each pending charge or conviction, when it occurred, the date or arrest and conviction if applicable, and the city and state where the court is located. You may be asked to supply additional information including certified copy of the judgment of conviction, a copy of the criminal complaint or any other relevant court or police documents.			e			
2. Were you ever adjudicated delinquent by a court of law, including tribal court, before your 18 th birthday, for a crime or other offense such as a municipal ordinance violation or a civil offense under a local ordinance?			or			
If Yes, list each crime or offense, when and where it happened, and the location of the court (city and state). You may be asked to supply additional information including a certified copy of the delinquency petition, the delinquency adjudication, or any other relevant court or police documents.			ou 🗆			
3. Are you currently under community supervision by a state, federal or tribal agency (i.e. probation, extended supervision or parole)?						
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SECTION A – ACTS, CRIMES, AND OFFENSES THAT MAY ACT AS A BAR OR RESTRICTION			NO
4.	Are you currently, or have you ever been, required to be registered on a state, tribal or national sex offender registry? > If Yes, explain, including the location, reason for registration and length of time required to be registered.		
5.	Are you currently the subject of a child abuse or neglect investigation by a government or regulatory agency? If Yes, explain and provide the name of the agency conducting the investigation.		
6.	Has any government or regulatory agency (other than the police) ever found that you abused or neglected a child? > If Yes, explain, including when and where it happened and the name of the agency that made the finding.		
7.	Has any government or regulatory agency (other than the police) ever found that you abused or neglected any person or client? If Yes, explain, including when and where it happened.		
8.	Has any government or regulatory agency (other than the police) ever found that you misappropriated (improperly took or used) the property of a person or client? If Yes, explain, including when and where it happened.		
9.	Has any government or regulatory agency (other than the police) ever found that you abused an elderly person? If Yes, explain, including when and where it happened.		
10.	Do you have a government issued credential that is not current or is limited so as to restrict you from providing care to clients? If Yes, explain, including credential name, limitations or restrictions, and time period.		
SE	CTION B – OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION	YES	NO
1.	Has any government or regulatory agency ever limited, denied, or revoked your license, certification, or registration to provide care, treatment, or educational services? > If Yes, explain, including when and where it happened.		
2.	Has any government or regulatory agency ever denied you permission or restricted your ability to live on the premises of a care providing facility? > If Yes, explain, including when and where it happened and the reason.		
3.	Have you been discharged from a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any reserve component? If yes, indicate the year of discharge: Attach a copy of your DD214 if you were discharged within the last 3 years.		

SECTION B – OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION		YES	NO	
4.	Have you resided outside of Wisconsin in the last 5 years?			
	> If Yes , list each state and the dates you lived there.			
5.	Have you had a caregiver background check done within the last 4 years?			
	If Yes, list the date of each check, and the name, address, and phone number of the person, facility, or government agency that conducted each check.			
6.	Have you ever requested a rehabilitation review with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services or the Department Children and Families, a county department, a private child placing agency, school board or tribe?			
	> If Yes , list the review date, the result, the agency that conducted the review and attach a copy of the review decision.			
A ((NO))				
A "NO" answer to all questions does not guarantee employment, residency, a contract, or regulatory approval.				
I understand, under penalty of law that the information provided above is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that knowingly providing false information or omitting information may result in a forfeiture and other sanctions as provided by law.				
SIGNATURE Date Signed				



Racine County Human Services

1717 Taylor Avenue Racine, WI 53403

262-638-6353 fax: 262-638-6369

racinecounty.com/government/human-services

AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT TO RELEASE RECORDS

I understand to ensure the safety of respite/foster children, the Racine County Human Services Department, may obtain the following information for the purpose of background checks/licensing:

Department, may obtain the f	ollowing information for the pu	rpose of background checks/licensing:
 b. Traffic Transcripts c. Previous Licensure H d. Employment Verifica e. Character References f. Fire Safety g. Insurance Verification h. Health Examination i. Respite Care Provide 	tion References ns r Qualifications	HFS 56.04(4)10 HFS 56.04(4)10 HFS 56.04(4)8 HFS 56.04(4)7 HFS 56.03(4)10 HFS 56.04(4)5 HFS 56.04(4)2 HFS 56.04(4)3 HFS 56.06(8) man Services of where you have lived
My signature below:	y Human Services Department fied information. Ing falsifying any of the information on for revocation of my Foster Home on/Respite Certification	
This authorization may be revidate printed on the form. Signature of Applicant #1		nd will expire in six (6) months from the Date
Signature of Applicant #2		Date
Signature of Other Adult in	Household	Date
Signature of Other Adult in Household		Date

Please return signed consent, and/or records to:

Racine County Human Services Department Foster Care/Kinship Care Unit 1717 Taylor Ave Racine, WI 53403