Am I Ready to Be a Resource Parent Quiz

Circle "T" for true or "F" for false, for each statement below. This questionnaire will help you to determine if you are eligible to become a Resource Parent.

1. I HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN MY HOME FOR A FOSTER/ADOPTED CHILD. T/F
You must have adequate bedroom space for a foster/adopted child. A foster/adopted child may share a bedroom with another child of the same sex but the child cannot share a bedroom with anyone over the age of 18 years.

2. I AM READY TO HAVE A SAFETY INSPECTION OF MY HOME DONE NOW. T/F
It is important that your home is safe and free of hazards. During the home study process, your Home Study Worker will conduct a safety inspection of your home. You must have working smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher.

3. I AM IN GOOD PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. T/F
Being a parent can sometimes be demanding. You must be healthy and emotionally stable to care for foster/adoptive children. Each parent must provide a medical statement completed by a physician indicating they are free of communicable diseases.

4. I HAVE NEVER HAD A VALID CASE WITH AN AGENCY DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT. T/F
If you have had a valid Child Protection case, you may not be able to become a Resource Parent. We will review our records as well as any other state where the applicant(s) resided.

5. I HAVE ADEQUATE INCOME TO MEET MY CURRENT FAMILY’S NEEDS. T/F
You do not have to be rich to become a Resource Parent; however, you must have enough income to meet your own family’s needs. During the home study process, you will be asked to provide proof of income and to review family expenses.

6. I AM SINGLE OR MARRIED. T/F
Resource Parents can be single, married, divorced or widowed.

7. NO ADULT IN MY HOME HAS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME. T/F
If you or any adult residing in your home has been convicted of certain criminal offenses, you cannot become a Resource Parent. Each adult member in your household over the age 18 will be fingerprinted. If you have specific questions regarding which crimes are prohibited, please call Misty Lee at 757-385-3214.

8. I AM READY TO BEGIN THE HOME STUDY PROCESS NOW. T/F
You are ready to begin the home study process if your life and home are stable. “Stable” means that you are not about to move and are not having financial, marital or emotional difficulties or making any major life changes in the near future.

IF YOU ANSWERED “TRUE” TO ALL OF THE STATEMENTS, YOU ARE READY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A RESOURCE PARENT!

IF YOU ANSWERED “FALSE” TO ANY STATEMENT, PLEASE DISCUSS WITH A MEMBER OF THE RESOURCE UNIT AFTER INFORMATION SESSION, OR CONTACT Misty Lee 385-3214 / MLee@VBOV.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.