

# Information/Application Package for the Licensed Domestic Adoption Program

Here is a package for prospective adoptive parents to answer your questions, help you understand the process, and provide the forms you need to start your application.

# What does open adoption mean?

Alberta legislation requires that every private adoption be open to the extent that full names of birthparents and adoptive parents are on the legal papers each must sign. Adoptions finalized after January 1, 2000 will be open when those adopted persons reach the age of 18 years and 6 months. To us open adoption means much more than that, however. Our adoptions involve some degree of a relationship between adoptive family and birthfamily. This has ranged from only a phone call after the birthmother has chosen a family for her baby to open-ended visiting after placement. The typical amount of contact tends to be one or more meetings before placement with an ongoing exchange of emails, letters, and pictures and/or visits after placement. You may have many questions and concerns about this as it sounds new and radical. Most of the fears we hear from people are based on myths or lack of understanding of the adoption process. We will try to address all your concerns during the domestic pre-adoption seminar.

# What is the process?

Our process can best be described in two phases. The first phase begins with submitting the application forms at the end of this package. At the same time, you can begin to proceed with police and child welfare checks, getting medicals, gathering necessary documents, and attending our domestic pre-adoption seminar. Or, you may attend the seminar before submitting any paperwork. Upon completion of these steps, you may be accepted as applicants.

The second phase involves a homestudy, which will be completed by a qualified social worker within 90 days of your acceptance (unless issues arise). Upon its completion, you will be approved as prospective adoptive parents and you can then be presented to birthparents as potential parents for a baby.

# Who can apply?

We accept people of any age (over 18), religion, marital status, sexual orientation, and family size who live in Alberta, providing that you can clear police and social services checks which are described later. If you are a couple, we require that you have been living together at least two years. There is no "ideal" family. Each birthparent comes to us with their own personal criteria and they seek different characteristics in the future parents of their child. It is this "magic" process of finding the right match that makes open adoption so positive and successful. Consequently, we like to have a wide variety of families.

# What documents are needed?

- Intervention Record Check (the instructions and forms will be found in this application package). If
  there is a serious child protection concern, this will be discussed with you by Alberta Children's
  Services. You may still choose to continue with your application, although you should be aware
  that written consent from the Director of Alberta Children's Services and the Executive Director of
  Adoption Options must be obtained before approval of the homestudy can be given. (This needs
  to be renewed every two years)
- 2. Security Clearance Check (see enclosed) This is obtained by you from the police department. If you have a criminal record, the nature, seriousness, and date of the offence will be considered by Adoption Options. Minor offences in your past will not prevent your approval as an adoptive parent. (These need to be renewed every two years and prior to finalization of the adoption)
- 3. References from persons you designate (form enclosed)
- 4. Medical Reports (forms enclosed)
- 5. Financial Statement (form enclosed)
- 6. T4 Slips / Notice of Assessment
- 7. Personal Legal Documents (instructions enclosed)
- 8. Application Part I
- 9. SAFE Questionnaire I (one for each applicant)
- 10. Application Parts II and III (received at seminar)
- 11. Contract (received at seminar)
- 12. Dear Birthparent Letter and Photos instructions given at the seminar

NOTE: Items 1 & 2 must be dated within six months, and 3 & 4 within 12 months of starting your homestudy



Families may wait with as many licensed agencies as they wish, as well as with Alberta Children's Services. Adoption Options has chosen to allow its families to wait with more than one agency. However, agencies can set their own policies, and some may choose not to allow this. If you are considering coming to us from another agency, we will require that you follow the application process as any new client to our agency. As we need to get to know you and provide you with the opportunity to get to know us. Therefore, you are required to attend our seminar and have a homestudy completed with us.

Can applicants register with more than one agency?

As an agency, we believe in education and an open sharing of ideas and information. To acquaint you with private and open adoption, we have a weekend course that is held regularly in either Edmonton or Calgary (you will find the seminar dates listed further in this package and on our website). At this course, you learn about birthparents and their needs, learn about the legal aspects and the court process, explore your feelings regarding infertility, hear first-hand from birthparents and adoptive parents who have done open adoptions through our agency, and have many more questions answered regarding open adoption, contact with the birthparents and telling the child about his/her adoption. Due to COVID-19, our seminars are currently being offered virtually, via Zoom.

What is the pre-adoption seminar?

The government regulation indicates that approval should not be given to an applicant until the applicant has received pre-placement counseling services regarding the adoption process and the parenting of an adopted child. This is thoroughly provided at our seminar. All applicants are required to attend prior to their application being considered by Adoption Options.

Why is this seminar required?

The next step is a homestudy. This involves eight to ten hours of interviews with a social worker, including at least one session in your home. Typically, four interviews are required during regular business hours. Our objective is not to screen you out, but rather to help you decide if open adoption or any adoption is right for you at this time. If a major concern came to our attention during the homestudy we would discuss it with you. If it remained a concern, the social worker doing your homestudy might not be able to recommend you for adoptive parenthood.

Who gets approved?

The entire process is an open one and you are invited to read and discuss the homestudy report with your worker. Although some people are a bit intimidated at first, they usually learn a lot about themselves and end up enjoying the process.

If you are transferring from another agency, Adoption Options still requires that you attend our preadoption seminar, and that a new homestudy be completed by a social worker in our agency. This allows us to get to know you and vice versa. Transferring from another agency

This refers to those who wish to apply to our International adoption program and our Domestic adoption program. As two homestudies are required specific to each program, one of the homestudies will be charged at a reduced fee and the other at full price (see fee schedule page). All other fees and policies apply.

Dual Tracking

We certainly cannot and do not promise that every family will get a baby. Because the birthparents do the choosing, it depends very much on them. We have found, to this point, that being single or wanting to specify the sex of the child greatly reduces your chances of being chosen. Having two or more children already, being well over 40, or practicing a religion outside of the major Christian denominations may slightly reduce your chances. On the other hand, we have placed children with families in all of the above categories. (We have also placed babies with several same-sex couples and welcome such applicants.) We give you this information so you can decide for yourselves whether you wish to proceed. "Never being chosen" is a definite possibility given the realities of adoption today; however, it seems that if a family leaves themselves on the waiting list they will eventually be chosen. Being chosen also depends on how open you are. We always need families who would accept children with special needs such as medical concerns or drug and alcohol use during pregnancy.

Who gets Chosen?



# How long is the wait?

There is no clear answer. It depends on many factors out of your and our control. It depends on who 'walks through our doors' and depends on your placement considerations. We suggest you be prepared for a four year wait with the understanding that it could be much shorter or longer. Our statistics vary from year to year. In 2022, we averaged between 115 to 119 active and approved couples on our waiting list, and we placed 26 children. In 2021, we averaged between 108 to 119 active and approved couples on our waiting list, and we placed 26 children. In 2020, we averaged between 98 to 104 active and approved couples on our waiting list and we placed 46 children. In 2019, we placed 36 children, in 2018, we placed 40 children and 2017 we placed 29 children. Prior to this, we averaged 50 placements per year over a seven-year time frame. For more information on adoption statistics in Alberta overall, visit:

http://www.alberta.ca/adoption-statistics

# How does the matching happen?

The length of the wait is so variable because of the matching and selection process. Factors to be considered are the kind of child the family desires to adopt, the kind of people a birthmother wants to become her child's new parents, and the type and amount of contact requested by and acceptable to each of you. Based on those criteria, a minimum of five files are pulled to show to the birthparent(s). There is no way of accurately predicting which family will be chosen by any birthparent. However, when you have been selected you can be sure that they have chosen you for many reasons that will be meaningful to you, to them, and to the child.

# What other services does Adoption Options provide?

#### A. Services to Birthparents

We provide counseling to birthparents who are trying to make permanent plans for their child. We support them in the decision-making process before the birth of the child and in resolving their feelings after placing a child for adoption. We have an ongoing birthparent support group and we are able to refer birthparents to other agencies as needed for prenatal classes, financial assistance, accommodation, counseling, etc.

#### B. Services to Adoptive Parents

When you are matched, we continue to work closely with you and the birthparents to facilitate the placement of the baby. Following placement, a social worker will visit you in your home to provide support and do final documents. Then the agency will prepare and file all documents pertaining to your adoption application with the courts.

Following finalization of your adoption you may return to Adoption Options at any time for any post-adoption support you may need. We will provide post adoption counseling as requested or refer you to the appropriate agency.

#### C. Other Services

Adoption Options provides extensive resources, articles, information, and ongoing support through a variety of social media avenues, with monthly group meetings, special events, workshops, and outreach services. We offer an International adoption program and assist families with filing private direct / step-parent adoptions. In addition, our specialized adoption team of experts provide individual counselling services, to any community member managing an adoption related challenge. This may include parenting or relationship challenges in adoption or issues such as adoption search and reunion support.

## Are lawyers involved?

The agency refers birthparents to a lawyer for signing consents. In some cases, we may also need to have a lawyer make an application to the courts to dispense with the birthfather's rights. Only the agency can prepare and file your adoption petition with the court. Adoptions are now processed by a judge "in chambers". You will not need a lawyer for this process except when there are complications.



Government regulations allow an agency to charge fees (set by the agency) and expenses incurred in the provision of the following services:

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1.	Application	\$1,000
2.	Pre-Adoption Seminar*	\$1,200
3.	Homestudy	\$3,050
4.	Preplacement Counseling & Support**	\$1,200
5.	Preplacement Counseling of birthparents	\$2,350
6.	Media Presentation Fee	\$ 180/year
7.	Preparation of medical and social history of birthparents	\$ 605
8.	Postplacement Counseling of birthparents	\$ 875
9.	Postplacement Services to adoptive parents (2 pp reports)	\$1,050
10.	Preparation & filing of documents	\$2,475
11.	Medical Report / Process Serving	<u>\$ 500</u>
		TOTAL \$14,485

<sup>\*</sup> **Pre-Adoption Seminar** - This seminar must be attended by <u>all</u> first-time applicants to Adoption Options.

### What are the fees?

NOTE: Fees shown are effective April 1, 2022. Fees will be reviewed annually and are subject to change without notice. Increases will not be applied retroactively. As Adoption Options is a non-profit organization with charitable status, we are not required to charge applicants GST.

SECOND ADOPTION: A second or subsequent adoption costs about 20 percent less as some steps do not have to be repeated.

You will be billed for the below-listed variable expenses as they occur. Some of these may apply even if a placement fails, e.g., mileage, travel time, lawyer's fees, etc.

#### Courier Services varies Mileage for visits (to you or your birthparent) 60 cents/km Social Worker travel time (to you or your birthparent) \$37.50/hour Hospital parking fees varies Lawyer's fee for Adoption Consent \$500 - 900 Lawyer's fee for Ex-Parte Application \$500 - 900 Private hospital room approx. \$80/day Update to the homestudy (HSU)- Required every 12 months \$500 Placement of Twins/Siblings additional \$1700 (preparation of documents for second child) Post placement counseling requested by adoptive \$150/hour parents in future (after adoption is final) Dual tracking with our International program. \$1525.00 (a subsequent homestudy)

\$125.00

What other costs can we expect?

Payment by e-Transfer to <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoedm@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoeal@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoeal@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">Aoedm@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoeal@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoeal@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoeal@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm@adoptionoptions.com">aoeal@adoptionoptions.com</a>, <a href="mailto:aoedm

Item 1: \$1,000 to accompany initial application/paperwork

Item 2: \$1,200 when you book your seminar

Transition plan for older child(ren)/special needs placement

Item 3: \$3,050 prior to homestudy

Items 4 & 5: \$3,550 upon approval/completion of homestudy
Item 6: \$180 upon completion of homestudy and yearly HSU

Items 7 - 11: \$5,505 due when placed

**Refunds** For our refund policy please read the contract very carefully. (Contract will be received at the seminar)

**Receipts** We will send you an itemized statement showing all fees paid and a copy to Alberta Children's Services. That statement will be your receipt for income tax purposes as adoption fees can now be claimed for the tax year in which the adoption was finalized. No other receipts are issued except on request. Please note that your invoice is also your receipt.

How are payments made?



<sup>\*\*</sup>Counseling and Support - Counseling and support are offered to you in the following ways: phone consultations, office visits, attendance at match meetings, at placement, etc., and through our support groups.

# What's next?

Adoption is a big step, and you may still be trying to decide which kind of adoption and which agency is right for you. If you have any unanswered questions, we encourage you to make an appointment for an **individual** free consultation. Any of our social work staff in Calgary or Edmonton would be pleased to meet with you. Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Otherwise, your next step is to get started with the paperwork and choose a seminar date. Finally, may we suggest you start a file right now labeled "Our Adoption" and put this application package in it.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO PROVIDE TO US:

Please provide <u>original</u> documents unless otherwise indicated below. We do<u>not</u> accept applications by e-mail.

#### Checklist

Ш	APPLICATION PART I
	CONTRACT (received at the seminar)
	REFERENCE LIST
	FINANCIAL STATEMENT
	COPY OF LAST T4 or NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT
	CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK** Required for each adult living in the home.
	MEDICAL REPORTS
	SAFE QUESTIONAIRE I
	BIRTH CERTIFICATES (photocopies are only acceptable if you are legally married, if not legally married original or notarized birth certificates are required)
	MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (must be original or a notarized copy)
	APPLICATION PART II (received at the seminar)
	APPLICATION PART III (received at the seminar)
	DEAR BIRTHPARENT LETTER and PICTURES (instructions are provided at the seminar. All 12 copies are needed as part of a complete application.)
	Please do not bind or staple your letter and pictures
	INTERVENTION RECORD CHECK** (signed off by Alberta Children's Services)  A separate form is required for each adult living in the home. (Instructions and forms in this package)
	REFERENCE LETTERS x3 (We will be sending questionnaires to your references from the list that you provide to our office)
	ONLINE PROFILE Once your homestudy is complete and approved, setup online profile. Information will be provided at seminar.

\*\*Please remember that your Criminal Record Check and Intervention Record Check must be current and dated within six months of starting your homestudy in order for your homestudy to be assigned. These must also be renewed every two years to keep your file current and active while you wait for the placement of a child\*\*

If you have submitted all of the above listed documentation to complete your application, please call our office to ensure we have received everything and that we are in the process of assigning your homestudy.

#### Documents may be returned to:

Adoption Options Edmonton Unit 6, 9363 – 50 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2L5

Adoption Options Calgary Unit 207, 5940 Macleod Trail South Calgary, Alberta T2H 2G4



#### **ADOPTION APPLICATION PART I**

(Please Print)

APPLICANT ONE, NAME IN FULL		
APPLICANT TWO, NAME IN FULL		
Maiden Name		
Address		
City	Post	al Code
Home Phone	Cell	Phone(s)
Email Address		
EMPLOYMENT INFORM	ATION	
	Applicant One	Applicant Two
Employer's Name:		
Address:		
# of years employed:		
Work Phone:		
PERSONAL HISTORY		
Previous Marriages:		
Date of Divorce/Death:		
		ou been together)
Full <u>Legal</u> Names (as the	y will appear on docum	entation for Court of Queen's Bench):
Applicant One:		
Applicant Two:		





	Applicant One	Applicant Two		
First Names only				
Pronouns (she, he, they, them)				
<b>General Description</b>	n			
Birthdate				
Birthplace				
Age				
Hair Colour & Texture				
Eye Colour & Glasses				
Height & Weight				
Racial Origin				
Ethnic Origin				
Religious Affiliation				
Church Attendance				
Education Level				
Occupation				
Languages Spoken				
Do you smoke or vape?				
Family Composition				
Do you have pets: Please list:				
Do you live in a city or town, on a farm or acreage?				
Do you have any children:	Do they live with you:			
Have you adopted before: Privately: Social Services:				
List birth dates of children	List birth dates of children:			
one parent to remain	n home for years			
parental leave only,	for a period of months			
day care privat	day care private care private caregiver/nannyother (please explain)			



## ADOPTION APPLICATION PART I EMOTIONAL / PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE

APPLICANT ONE:			(name
Are you currently accessing counseling services? Yes (if yes, please provide the therapist's name and their comp	or oany n	No ame)	
Have you ever accessed counseling services? Yes (if yes, please provide the year / time frame / outcome)	or	No	
Have you attended any support groups?  Yes (if yes, what year and what was the purpose of the group)	or	No	
Signature:			
APPLICANT TWO:			(name)
Are you currently accessing counseling services? Yes (if yes, please provide the therapist's name and their comp	or any n	No ame)	
Have you ever accessed counseling services? Yes (if yes, please provide the year / time frame / outcome)	or	No	
Have you attended any support groups?  Yes (if yes, what year and what was the purpose of the group)	or	No	
Signature:			





#### REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Pursuant to S.6(2)(d) of the Adoption Regulations, we require a Criminal Record Check on your application to become an adoptive parent. We request that you proceed to the Local RCMP Detachment or the City Police Headquarters (for residents of Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat only), in the Province of Alberta to have your Criminal Record Check completed. We ask that you take with you proper identification, preferably your birth certificate and a driver's license, to assist the officer in charge. Although it appears that you can receive a criminal record check online, it is not the correct check that is required. All applicants need to apply in-person at a police station for this. We need a clearance for everyone over 18 years of age living in your home.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DETACHMENT FOR THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION, AND PRODECURES AND POLICIES FOR VISITING IN-PERSON. YOU MAY NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO BE FINGERPRINTED.

Please explain that you are having this check completed for the purposes of <u>adoption</u> and that it must be fingerprint based. Depending on your City Police Service or RCMP detachment, you will need to request one of the following. These are acceptable for Court purposes.

#### **OPTION 1:**

Your Criminal Record Checks will include a statement similar to the following: "Vulnerable Sector – Search – Completed/Included".

They may not be able to provide a Vulnerable Sector check because a vulnerable sector check only applies to a "paid or volunteer" position - as a parent, you cannot be terminated from that role. The RCMP still completes all the same checks but cannot call it a Vulnerable Sector Check because of the way the Criminal Records Act 6.3 reads.

#### **OPTION 2:**

Have a local police check completed and an Interpol search completed. Checks are being completed to ensure that a pardon has never been issued for a sexual offence as well as checking Interpol. Having fingerprints taken is the most comprehensive check that can be completed on an applicant. It is the RCMP's policy to have fingerprints taken and submitted to the Canadian Real Time Identification Services (CCRTIS) for processing.

The Criminal Record, or the Certification that no record exists will be forwarded back to you by the police and NOT to our office. It will be your responsibility to provide documentation to us in a timely manner, in order that we may proceed further with your application. Please note that we only accept **original** police record checks. We do not accept photocopies or emailed copies.

Please present this form to the police when requesting a Criminal Record Check.

PLEASE NOTE: Criminal Record Checks must be current and dated within six months of starting your homestudy in order for your homestudy to be assigned. These must also be renewed every two years in order to keep your file current and active while you wait for the placement of a child.

403.270.8228 207, 5940 Macleod Trail SW Calgary, AB, T2H 2G4 aocal@adoptionoptions.com

780.433.5656 #6, 9363 50 Street NW Edmonton, AB, T6B 2L5 aoedm@adoptionoptions.com

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#### **REFERENCE LIST**

Names City/Town of Residence		
Please give the names and addresses of three references who are personally acquainted with both of you and your home life. Please only list the name of one person per reference. <b>One of these can be a relative</b> and others can be friends, neighbours or a business or religious acquaintance. They will be contacted by us by letter and may also be telephoned. Their responses will be treated confidentially and not shared with you. (Please note that if you put down more than one relative it will delay the application process because we will ask you to resubmit another reference)		
REFERENCE NUMBER O	NE (one person per reference)	
Name(s)		
Address		
City, Province	Postal Code	Telephone
REFERENCE NUMBER TV	NO (one person per reference)	
Name(s)		
Address		
City, Province	Postal Code	Telephone
REFERENCE NUMBER TI	HREE (one person per reference)	
Name(s)		
Address		
City, Province	Postal Code	Telephone

Please discuss your plans with your references and let them know that we will be asking them to respond to us in writing. It is important that your references respond promptly to our request for a letter, as your comprehensive update to your **homestudy will not be started until all reference letters have arrived in our office**.



#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ADOPTION OPTIONS

Please completely fill in the form

APPLICANT NAME:		
	Applicant One	Applicant Two
ANNUAL INCOME:		
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	Applicant One	Арріісані т ио
OTHER ANNUAL INCOME:		
	Applicant One	Applicant Two
LIFE INSURANCE:		
	Applicant One	Applicant Two
	Applicant One	Applicant Two
ASSETS	VALUE	
Vehicles		
Personal Property		
Real Estate		
Residence		
Other		
Stocks/Bonds		
Savings Account(s)		
Chequing Account(s)		
RRSP/Retirement		
Other Investments		
TOTAL ASSETS:		
Not including income and		
insurance		
LIABILITIES	MONTHLY PAYMENT	TOTAL OWED
Credit Cards		
Bank Loans		
Home Mortgage(s)		
Other		
	TOTAL LIABILITIES:	
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#### **ADOPTION OPTIONS MEDICAL REPORT**

A physician's report is required for the homestudy process.

, ask that you provide Adoption Options ith the following medical information which will help Adoption Options assess my ability and uitability to meet the needs of a child through adoption.		
I consent to the disclosure of this information and permit you to release the information to Adoption Options for the period of one year, unless revoked by me in writing. I also authorize you to discuss the content of this report with Adoption Options.		
Signature of Applicant Date		
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PHYSICAN		
What is the date of this examination?		
How long have you known the applicant?		
Please describe any health problems that would affect the applicant's ability to provide for the physical, emotional, and personal care of children, now and in the future.		
To your knowledge has the applicant ever received or required treatment for any emotional problems? Yes No If yes, please specify the nature of the problem and the type and dates of any treatment received.		
To your knowledge has the applicant ever received or required psychiatric treatment? Yes No If yes, please specify the problem and the type and dates of any treatment		
To your knowledge has the applicant ever received or required treatment because of use of drugs and/or alcohol? Yes No If yes, please specify the problem and type of treatment received.		



Name of Applicant		
o your knowledge has the applicant ever received treatment because of domestic violence? es No If yes, please specify the problem and the type of treatment received.		
Is there a medical reason why this person cannot Yes No If yes, please explain:	ot or should not have a biological child?	
Is this patient presently taking any form of medication and dosage, and for what purpose?	cation? Yes No If yes, what	
Please comment on the applicant's general hea applicant's physical and mental health enables tresponsibilities of parenthood.		
Signature of Physician	Date	
Printed Name of Physician		
Street Address		
City and Postal Code		



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Signature of Applicant	Date	
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Please comment on the applicant's general health and your opinion as to whether the applicant's physical and mental health enables them to undertake and follow through with the responsibilities of parenthood.		
Signature of Physician	Date	
Printed Name of Physician		
Street Address		
City and Postal Code		



#### PERSONAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Please pay very close attention to the following requirements as people often send the wrong documents. If you have questions about your documentation, please call us. The reason this is so important is that the Court of Queen's Bench will reject your adoption if we have not included the proper documents.

1) Marriage Certificate: If you were married in Canada, then this is NOT the form you signed during the marriage ceremony. It is a document issued after the fact by the Division of Vital Statistics. Many people do not have a copy of their marriage certificate, but you must now order one from Vital Statistics in the province where you were married. In Alberta you can order an original marriage certificate from one of the private registry agents. (Sample below) We prefer the framing size, but either will do.
We require either an original or notarized copy of this document.



If you were married outside of Canada, send what you have, and we will try to determine if it will satisfy the court's requirements - again we need a notarized or original copy.

- 2) Change of Name Certificate: This document (notarized or original) should be one that is issued by the Division of Vital Statistics or similar Bureau or Registry. A married spouse assuming their spouse's last name does not need a Change of Name Certificate.
- 3) A photocopy of your birth certificate. However, if you are <u>not</u> married, then we will need original or notarized copies of your birth certificates because we need a legal document for court showing your correct names.

If any of the above certificates are written in another language, we will require an English translation for the court.

PLEASE NOTE: none of these documents will be returned to you as they are filed in court with the adoption application.



#### PRE-ADOPTION SEMINAR

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

- Private Adoption
  - o the legal picture in Alberta,
  - o laws, policies, court process,
  - statistics about placement
  - o roles/responsibilities of all parties
- Open Adoption
  - learn what it is
  - address fears/concerns
  - o hear a panel of birthparent/adoptive family discuss how it works for them
- Living with Adoption
  - how and when to tell
  - helping the child understand
  - educating others

**CONTENT:** The course prepares participants to become adoptive parents through an open adoption process. The course format includes teaching, large and small group discussion, videos, guest speakers and a manual.

**DATES AND TIMES:** This course will be offering virtually over Zoom (please note: if we do not have a minimum of five couples registered for the pre-adoption seminar the session will be cancelled and you will be notified by our administrative staff). If we do receive enough interest for an additional session (five or more couples) an additional seminar may be added.

Details for the next sessions are:			
2023		24	
September 22&23, 2023 October 20&21, 2023 November 24 & 25, 2023	January 5&6, 2024 February 23&24, 2024 April 5/6, 2024 (In Person-Calgary location) May 24&25, 2024	July 5&6, 2024 September 13&14, 2024 October 25&26, 2024 December 6&7, 2024	

#### FOR REGISTRATION:

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#### INTERVENTION RECORD CHECK

#### **Process to Submit an Alberta Intervention Record Check**

 Submit your Request for an Alberta Intervention Record form by E-mail to Alberta Children's Services with of two pieces of your identification, one of which is photo identification.

E-mail the completed form and identification to Rashmita Patel; Rashmita.Patel@gov.ab.ca

- 2) Alberta Children's Services Office will complete the Check and return the results to you directly. Processing time is approximately two to three weeks.
- 3) Once you receive the completed Alberta Intervention Record Check, submit the original to Adoption Options with the rest of your application documents.

#### Have you lived outside of Alberta in the past 5 years?

If in the past five years you have lived outside of the province of Alberta, it is your responsibility to obtain Intervention Checks from those jurisdictions, provinces and/or countries.

#### Who Can Get the Information?

Intervention Services records are confidential, and information must not be released except for the purposes set out in the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act. Any person named in a record has the right to obtain information about themselves that is in the record. The requestor may ask for copies of records about themselves under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

#### What if a Record is Found in Alberta?

If the Alberta Intervention Check indicates "There is an intervention Services record in Alberta." and you wish to continue to pursue adoption, you will need to contact our adoption agency. Your agency will provide you with a "Consent to Release Information" form. In signing this form, you provide your permission for Alberta Children's Services to release information about your record to the agency directly. If you wish to obtain further information about the findings of the Alberta Intervention Check, prior to connecting with your adoption agency, please contact the individual who completed the check.

The following form must be submitted and signed by Alberta Children's Services. A separate form is required for each adult living in the home.





#### Request for an Alberta Intervention Record Check

For Alberta Private Licensed Agency and International Placements

#### **Process to Submit an Alberta Intervention Record Check**

- 1) Please complete the <u>Request for an Alberta Intervention Record Check</u> section of this form including your signature. If printing and hand filling, do not use "whiteout" on the form; if you make an error, simply strike it out, write above or below the mistake and initial it.
- 2) Submit a photocopy of two pieces of your identification, one of which is photo identification.
- 3) Your local Alberta Child and Family Services Office will complete the Check and return the results to you directly.
- 4) Once you receive the completed Alberta Intervention Record Check, submit it to your Private Licensed Agency.
- 5) If in the *past five years* you have lived outside of the province of Alberta, it is your responsibility to obtain Intervention Checks from those jurisdictions, provinces and/or countries.

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1. Personal Informati	ion		
My name is	Date (	of Birth	mm dd 
PRINT Full Legal Name of Person Requesting Check	· Date (	OI DII III	
My address is		Alberta	
Full Residential Address	City	Province	Postal Code
		Alberta	
Full Mailing Address (if different from above)	City	Province	Postal Code
I ammalefemale. My phone number is	or	Work	
All other names I have used are (include Maiden and any other first	and last names pre		
Names and birthdates of all children for whom I have acted as a particle printing and filling in, attach a separate page to add more children or use	`	,	
Name	Gender	Birthdate (yy	yy-mm-dd)
	☐M ☐F	-	-
	$\square$ M $\square$ F	-	-
2. Request for a Record	Check		
I am an Adoptive Applicant Adult Person (18 years or older I want to know about any record of me being involved with Intervent might have sound a shill to pend intervention.	,		` '
might have caused a child to need intervention.  This check is being completed as a requirement for the adoption ap	plication submitted	on behalf of:	
Name of Adoptive Applicant(s) who submitted an adoption application through the following private	licensed agency:		,
Name of Private Licensed Agency	1		
☐ In the past five years I have <u>only</u> resided in Alberta.			
In the past five years I have resided in Alberta and	N		
IMPORTANT: Intervention Record Checks are required from all countries in which you have resided in the <u>last five</u> Adoptive Applicant to obtain and provide these c	<u>ve years</u> . It is the i	s, provinces a responsibility	of the
I hereby consent to having an Alberta Intervention Record Check co	ompleted.		
X			
	f Person Requesting Chec	:k	

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3. Results	of Alberta Intervention Re	cord Check - FC	R OFFICE USE ONLY	
Using the names and birt	hdates you supplied:			
As of today, <u>I can find</u> child to need interven	No Intervention Services Reco	ord in Alberta indica	ating that you might have	caused a
There is an Intervention	on Services Record in Alberta.			
	4. Summary of Inv	olvement in Alb	erta	
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Name of Pers	on Who Completed Check (PRINT)		riue	
			Alberta	
Worksite Add	dress	City	Province	Postal Code
		X		
Telephone Number	Date Completed (yyyy-mm-dd)	Signa	ture of Person Who Completed Ch	neck
	For Offic	e Use Only		
Reference:				
	Name of Person Requesting	Check	Date of Birth (y)	yyy-mm-dd)

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

	ase answer the following questick all the choices that apply.			e answer.	
Print N	Name:		Date:		
1	Who primarily raised you?  Mother and Father Father Mother  Mother and Stepparent Father and Stepparent Stepmother	☐ Stepfather ☐ Maternal Gran ☐ Paternal Gran ☐ Aunt(s) and/c ☐ Mother and M ☐ Father and Fa	dparent(s) or Uncle(s) fother	☐ Ado ☐ Fost ☐ Insti	er Sibling(s) ptive Parent(s) er Parent(s) itutional Caretaker(s) al Guardian(s) er:
2	Were you separated from eiffollowing reasons?  No separations Parents separated Parents divorced Death of parent(s)	ther or both of your pare  Abandoned by parent Parent(s) long-term ho Parent(s) in military Parent(s) in prison	(s)	☐ Remov	For any of the ed from your home by or social services
3	How old were you when you	_	your parent(s) on the with my parent		
4	What were the circumstance	es that led you to leave h	ome? Were ther	e circumsta	nces that led you to return?
5	Check the boxes that best check the boxes the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes the boxes the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes the boxes the boxes that best check the boxes th	Friendly Warm Gentle Smothering Demonstrative Over protective Respectful	Affections Affections Anxious Consisten Distant/Ut Superficia Strained Close	ate t ninvolved	other:  Took care of mother Afraid of mother Unpredictable Full of conflict Relaxed Loving Other:

6	Check the boxes that best characterize your childhood relationship with your father:
	□ No relationship       □ Friendly       □ Affectionate       □ Took care of father         □ Abusive       □ Warm       □ Anxious       □ Afraid of father         □ Idolized       □ Gentle       □ Consistent       □ Unpredictable         □ Neglectful       □ Smothering       □ Distant/Uninvolved       □ Full of conflict         □ Caring       □ Demonstrative       □ Superficial       □ Relaxed         □ Supportive       □ Over protective       □ Strained       □ Loving         □ Fun       □ Respectful       □ Close       □ Other:
7	If you were not primarily raised by your mother and/or father, which of the following best describes your relationship with your primary caretaker(s)?
	□ Not applicable       □ Friendly       □ Affectionate       □ Took care of primary caretaker         □ Abusive       □ Warm       □ Anxious       □ Afraid of primary caretaker         □ Idolized       □ Gentle       □ Consistent       □ Unpredictable         □ Neglectful       □ Smothering       □ Distant/Uninvolved       □ Full of conflict         □ Caring       □ Demonstrative       □ Superficial       □ Relaxed         □ Supportive       □ Over protective       □ Strained       □ Loving         □ Fun       □ Respectful       □ Close       □ Other:
8	Check the boxes that best describe what your childhood experience was like:
	□ Painful □ Stable □ Traumatic   □ Happy □ Confusing □ Spoiled   □ Fun □ Frightening □ Enjoyable   □ Wonderful □ Chaotic □ Sad   □ Exciting □ Lonely □ Stimulating   □ Unhappy □ Secure □ Difficult to remember   □ Carefree □ Sickly □ Other:
9	Check the boxes that best describe your parents'/primary caretakers' relationship with each other when you were a child:
	□ No relationship       □ Cold       □ Committed         □ Divorced       □ Loving       □ Hostile         □ Separated       □ Violent       □ On again/Off again         □ Close       □ Fulfilling       □ Supportive         □ Happy       □ Full of conflict       □ Relaxed         □ Fun and playful       □ Domineering/Submissive       □ Affected by alcohol/drug abuse         □ Distrustful and suspicious       □ Tense       □ Other:
10	How would you rate your parents'/primary caretakers' ability to manage their lives?  Mother or Primary Caretaker  Father or Primary Caretaker
	□ Very good         □ Very good           □ Good         □ Good           □ Fair         □ Fair           □ Poor         □ Poor           □ Unknown         □ Unknown

11	Check the boxes that best describe the personal characteristics of your mother or primary caretaker when you were a child:			
	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Loving</li> <li>Perfectionist</li> <li>Domineering</li> <li>Isolated</li> <li>Happy</li> <li>Optimistic</li> <li>Calm</li> <li>Violent</li> <li>Substance Abuser</li> <li>Preoccupied</li> <li>Self-confident</li> </ul>	☐ Active ☐ Outgoing ☐ Generous ☐ Aggressive ☐ Shy ☐ Irresponsible ☐ Pessimistic/Worrier ☐ Temperamental ☐ Understanding ☐ Nervous/Anxious ☐ Fun/Playful ☐ Rigid	☐ Moody ☐ Overly critical ☐ Hardworking ☐ Flexible ☐ Content ☐ Serious ☐ Compassionate ☐ Friendly/Social ☐ Warm ☐ Supportive ☐ Dramatic ☐ Irritable	☐ Easy going ☐ Kind ☐ Self centered ☐ Unforgiving ☐ Stubborn ☐ Irrational ☐ Manipulative/Controlling ☐ Passive ☐ Prejudiced ☐ Emotional ☐ Reassuring ☐ Other:
12	Check the boxes that bes caretaker when you wer	t describe the personal char e a child:	racteristics of your father	or other primary
	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Loving</li> <li>Perfectionist</li> <li>Domineering</li> <li>Isolated</li> <li>Happy</li> <li>Optimistic</li> <li>Calm</li> <li>Violent</li> <li>Substance abuser</li> <li>Preoccupied</li> <li>Self-confident</li> </ul>	☐ Active ☐ Outgoing ☐ Generous ☐ Aggressive ☐ Shy ☐ Irresponsible ☐ Pessimistic/Worrier ☐ Temperamental ☐ Understanding ☐ Nervous/Anxious ☐ Fun/Playful ☐ Rigid	☐ Moody ☐ Overly critical ☐ Hardworking ☐ Flexible ☐ Content ☐ Serious ☐ Compassionate ☐ Friendly/Social ☐ Warm ☐ Supportive ☐ Dramatic ☐ Irritable	☐ Easy going ☐ Kind ☐ Self centered ☐ Unforgiving ☐ Stubborn ☐ Irrational ☐ Manipulative/Controlling ☐ Passive ☐ Prejudiced ☐ Emotional ☐ Reassuring ☐ Other:
13	Who primarily disciplin	ed you during your childho	od?	
	☐ Both parents equally ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Stepmother ☐ Stepfather ☐ Older sibling(s) ☐ Other:		ent(s) edian(s)	

14	during your childhood:	escribe the way your parent(s)	//primary caretaker(s) dis	sciplined you
	Mother or Primary Caretak	ser	Father or Primary Car	retaker
	Not applicable Consistently Fairly Strictly Leniently Made idle threats Lectured Used time outs Reasoned with me Spanked Family Meetings Other:	Praised positive behaviors Shamed Grounded Removed privileges Logical consequences Withheld food Sent me to my room Ignored misbehaviors Used physical restraints Physically punished (other than spanking)	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Consistently</li> <li>Fairly</li> <li>Strictly</li> <li>Leniently</li> <li>Made idle threats</li> <li>Lectured</li> <li>Used time outs</li> <li>Reasoned with me</li> <li>Spanked</li> <li>Family Meetings</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	☐ Praised positive behaviors ☐ Shamed ☐ Grounded ☐ Removed privileges ☐ Logical consequences ☐ Withheld food ☐ Sent me to my room ☐ Ignored misbehaviors ☐ Used physical restraints ☐ Physically punished (other than spanking)
15	Check the boxes that represe	ent the personal values held b	y your parent(s)/primary Father or Primary Ca	
	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Religious beliefs</li> <li>Compassion</li> <li>Social conscience</li> <li>Strong work ethic</li> <li>Being responsible</li> <li>Freedom of expression</li> <li>Leading a balanced life</li> <li>Being a parent</li> <li>Patriotism</li> <li>Spiritual/Cultural</li> <li>Practice</li> </ul>	☐ Honesty ☐ Family closeness ☐ Family support ☐ Social status ☐ Education ☐ Self respect ☐ Independence ☐ Making money ☐ Fidelity ☐ Healthy life style ☐ Other:	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Religious beliefs</li> <li>Compassion</li> <li>Social conscience</li> <li>Strong work ethic</li> <li>Being responsible</li> <li>Freedom of express</li> <li>Leading a balanced</li> <li>Being a parent</li> <li>Patriotism</li> <li>Spiritual/Cultural</li> <li>Practice</li> </ul>	
16	_	values compare to those of yo	our parent(s)/primary car	etaker(s)?
	☐ Basically share the same ☐ Share most of their value ☐ Share some of their value ☐ Do not share any of their ☐ Don't know	es es		

17	Check the boxes that best describe your parents'/primary you were a child:	caretakers' attitudes about sexuality when
L	Mother or Primary Caretaker	Father or Primary Caretaker
	□ Unknown       □ Awkward discussing         □ Open about sexuality       □ Believed sex was sinful         □ Comfortable discussing       □ Liberal sexual attitudes         □ Old fashioned       □ Conservative attitudes         □ Never discussed sex       □ Sexually repressed         □ No sex before marriage       □ Sexually irresponsible         □ Condemned       □ Supported         homosexuality       sex education         □ Knowledgeable       □ Other:	Unknown Open about sexuality Comfortable discussing Old fashioned Never discussed sex No sex before marriage Condemned homosexuality Knowledgeable  Awkward discussing Believed sex was sinfu Liberal sexual attitudes Sexually repressed Sexually irresponsible Supported sex education Other:
18	Check the boxes that best describe what you were like as	a child (pre-teenage years):
	□ Happy       □ Awkward       □ Responsible         □ Temperamental       □ Self-confident       □ Sad         □ Stubborn       □ Friendly       □ Irresponsible         □ Unhappy       □ Calm       □ Anxious/N         □ Aggressive       □ Serious       □ Active         □ Fearful       □ Hyperactive       □ Funny	☐ Disobedient ☐ Curious  le ☐ Outgoing ☐ Compliant
19	Check the boxes that best describe what you were like as	a teenager:
	□ Happy       □ Awkward       □ Responsible         □ Temperamental       □ Self-confident       □ Sad         □ Stubborn       □ Friendly       □ Irresponsible         □ Unhappy       □ Calm       □ Anxious/N         □ Aggressive       □ Serious       □ Active         □ Fearful       □ Hyperactive       □ Funny	☐ Disobedient ☐ Curious  le ☐ Outgoing ☐ Compliant
20	When you were a child, with whom would you confide?	
	□ Mother       □ Aunt(s)/Uncle(s)         □ Father       □ Stepparent         □ Sibling(s)       □ Primary Caretaker(s)         □ Grandparent(s)       □ Cousin(s)	Counselor(s)/Teacher(s)  Psychiatrist(s)/Psychologist(s)/Social Worker(s)  Clergy
21	When you were a child or adolescent, did you require co	unseling or psychiatric care?
	□ No □ Yes	
22	Are there issues, traumatic incidents or accidents from y	our childhood that currently cause you distress?
	□ No □ Yes	

23	Check the boxes that best describe your early dating experiences:				
	☐ Didn't date ☐ Traum ☐ Fun ☐ Too m ☐ Unremarkable ☐ Dull ☐ Chaperoned ☐ In gro	uch too soon Unus	ual  ured	Frightening Exciting Limited Other:	
24	Check the boxes that best describ	e your early sexual experie	ences:		
	☐ Limited ☐ Unren ☐ Traumatic ☐ Unusu ☐ Awkward ☐ Roman ☐ Exciting ☐ Regret	al Confu ntic Sham	eful $\square$	Pleasurable Abusive Pressured Other:	
25	If you were married previously, h	ow did your marriage(s) e	nd?		
	☐ Not applicable ☐ Div	orce Death of s	spouse(s)	Annulment	
26	If you were previously in a dome	stic partnership(s), how di	d your partnershi	p(s) end?	
	<ul> <li>□ Not applicable</li> <li>□ Death of partner(s)</li> <li>□ Terminated partnership without legal agreement(s)</li> <li>□ Terminated partnership with legal agreement(s)</li> </ul>				
27	If you went through a divorce or terminated a domestic partnership, check the boxes that best describe what the experience was like for you:				
	<ul> <li>□ Not applicable</li> <li>□ Easy</li> <li>□ Expensive</li> <li>□ Frightening</li> <li>□ Amica</li> </ul>	Frust	rating   stating   stating	A relief Long and drawn out Depressing Other:	
28	Have you ever been in a custody  No Yes	dispute?			
29	How long did you know your cur a domestic partner relationship?	rent spouse/partner before	you were marrie	d or established	
	<ul><li>☐ Less than 6 months</li><li>☐ Less than a year</li><li>☐ 1 to 2 years</li></ul>	☐ 3 to 4 years ☐ 5 to 7 years ☐ 8 to 12 years	□ 13 or m	ore years	

30	Check the boxes that best describe the characteristics of your current spouse/partner:					
	Religious Uncaring Appreciative Affectionate Compassionate Dogmatic Introvert Emotional Friendly Rigid Self-centered Gentle Good listener Considerate	☐ Playful ☐ Distant ☐ Thoughtful ☐ Athletic ☐ Workaholic ☐ Prejudiced ☐ Careful ☐ Outgoing ☐ Quick tempered ☐ Worrier ☐ Domineering ☐ Supportive ☐ Predictable ☐ Anxious	□ Unhappy □ Smart   □ Argumentative □ Social   □ Competitive □ Happy   □ Sarcastic □ Unforgiving   □ Faultfinding □ Understanding   □ Flexible □ Honest   □ Abusive □ Romantic   □ Moody □ Generous   □ Stubborn □ Dependable   □ Depressed □ Impulsive   □ Tolerant □ Good sense of hu   □ Communicative □ Kind   □ Clear thinking □ Energetic   □ Other:	umor		
31	Check the boxes that best describe the various roles you and your spouse/partner play in the relationship  Roles you play in relationship  Roles spouse/partner plays in relationship					
	☐ Head of household ☐ Leader ☐ Emotional one ☐ Social planner ☐ Initiator ☐ Peacemaker ☐ Comforter ☐ Risk taker ☐ Money manager ☐ Homemaker	<ul> <li>Wage earner</li> <li>Decision maker</li> <li>Rational one</li> <li>Organizer</li> <li>Compromiser</li> <li>Caregiver</li> <li>Follower</li> <li>Negotiator</li> <li>Manager</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	□ Head of household □ Wage earner   □ Leader □ Decision maker   □ Emotional one □ Rational one   □ Social planner □ Organizer   □ Initiator □ Compromiser   □ Peacemaker □ Caregiver   □ Comforter □ Follower   □ Risk taker □ Negotiator   □ Money manager □ Manager   □ Homemaker □ Other:			
32	How often do you and you	ır spouse/partner argue?				
	<ul> <li>□ Never</li> <li>□ Rarely</li> <li>□ Once or twice a month</li> <li>□ Once or twice a week</li> <li>□ Almost daily</li> </ul>					
33	Check the boxes that best	describe the major areas of co	onflict between you and your spouse/partner:			
	<ul> <li>□ Discipline of children</li> <li>□ Religion</li> <li>□ Alcohol/Drugs</li> <li>□ Emotional closeness</li> <li>□ Family involvement</li> <li>□ Money</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Personal habits</li> <li>□ Household chores</li> <li>□ Work</li> <li>□ Infidelity</li> <li>□ Emotional separateness</li> <li>□ Travel</li> </ul>	□ Sexual relations       □ Personal expectation         □ Politics       □ Friends         □ Values       □ Leisure time         □ Separate activities       □ Shared activities         □ Time apart       □ Time together         □ Other:			

34	Check the boxes that best describe the way you typically react when you have a major disagreement with your spouse/partner:		
	<ul> <li>□ Reach agreement through mutual give and take</li> <li>□ Take time to think things over before discussing</li> <li>□ Give in and attempt to smooth things over</li> <li>□ Seek outside help such as a counselor/clergy person</li> <li>□ Sometimes pound or break things</li> <li>□ Change the topic</li> <li>□ Other:</li> </ul>	☐ Agree to disagree ☐ Sometimes yell and shout ☐ Leave the house to cool off ☐ Become silent ☐ Try to outwit spouse/partner ☐ Things get physical (pushing, shoving, hitting)	
35	How sexually compatible are you and your spouse/par	tner?	
	<ul><li>□ Very compatible</li><li>□ Compatible</li><li>□ Not very compatible</li></ul>	☐ Incompatible	
36	Have you and your spouse/partner ever gone through a	difficult period that threatened your relationship?	
	□ No □ Yes		
37	Have you and your spouse/partner ever separated?		
	□ No □ Yes		
38	Check the boxes that best describe your current relation	nship with your mother and father:	
	Mother or Primary Caretaker	Father or Primary Caretaker	
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39	How helpful and supportive do you feel members of your extended family are/will be to you as a parent?			
	Your side of the family	Spouse/Partner's side of the family		
	<ul> <li>□ Not applicable</li> <li>□ All family members are helpful and supportive</li> <li>□ Most family members are helpful and supportive</li> <li>□ About half are helpful and supportive</li> <li>□ Few are helpful and supportive</li> <li>□ No family members are helpful and supportive</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>All family members are helpful and supportive</li> <li>Most family members are helpful and supportive</li> <li>About half are helpful and supportive</li> <li>Few are helpful and supportive</li> <li>No family members are helpful and supportive</li> </ul>		
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42	List your siblings according to how close or distant y	our relationship is with them:		
	☐ I don't have any brothers or sisters ☐ I am very close to:			
43	How many members of your immediate and extended family are ready, willing and able to fully accept an unrelated child into the family?			
	<ul> <li>□ All family members are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ Most family members are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ About half are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ Few are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ No family member is ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> </ul>			

44	How many people in your life, outside of your family, are ready, willing and able to provide you support as a parent?		
	<ul> <li>□ There are numerous people who are ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There are several people who are ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There are a few select people who are ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There is one person who is ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There is nobody who is ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> </ul>		
45	How many people in your life cause you serious conflict and stress?		
	☐ There are numerous people who cause me serious conflict and stress ☐ There are several people who cause me serious conflict and stress ☐ There are a few select people who cause me serious conflict and stress ☐ There is one person who causes me serious conflict and stress ☐ There is nobody who causes me serious conflict and stress		
46	Check the boxes that best describe your community involvement:		
	<ul> <li>□ Have no friends that I socialize with</li> <li>□ Have a few friends that I socialize with</li> <li>□ Have many friends that I socialize with</li> <li>□ Regular attendance at religious services</li> <li>□ Occasional attendance at religious services</li> <li>□ Rarely/Never attend religious services</li> <li>□ Active in community organizations occasional involvement in social organizations</li> <li>□ No involvement in community organizations</li> <li>□ Occasional involvement in community organizations</li> <li>□ Cultural events</li> </ul>		
47	If you are employed outside of the home, how many hours per week do you work?		
	☐ Not applicable ☐ 20 - 30 hours ☐ 41- 50 hours ☐ More than 50 hours		
48	If you are employed outside of the home, how long have you worked at your current job?		
	☐ Not applicable ☐ years and months		
49	Whether you work inside or outside the home, do you enjoy your work?		
	$\square$ No $\square$ Most of the time $\square$ Some of the time $\square$ All of the time		
50	Have you ever been fired?		
	□ No □ Yes		

51	Do you plan any career or job changes in the near future?			
	□ No □ Yes			
52	How do/will you discipline a chi	ld in your care?		
	☐ Spanking ☐ Lecturing ☐ Rational discussion ☐ Consistently use reasonable of Ignore the child's misbehavior ☐ Discipline according to how If Incomplete the child's misbehavior ☐ Discipline according to how If Incomplete Incomplet	r feel at the time down in crib	Use "time outs" Raise my voice	ould be ashamed tent in the future gry they make me
53	What is the overall condition of	your health?		
	☐ Excellent ☐ Good	☐ Fair ☐	Poor	
54	Have you ever been hospitalized	or had surgery?		
	□ No □ Yes			
55	Are you currently taking any me	dication(s)?		
	□ No □ Yes			
56	Have you or any of the family me Indicate which family member b of the condition: 1 = SELF 2 = PARENT(S)		ng code, placing the app	9
    	DiabetesArthritisCancerFrequent heAsthmaHearing losUlcersInsomniaColitisTuberculosisAlcoholismDrug addictDepressionBipolar illnSchizophreniaEating disorOther condition(s) not listed:	eadachesKidesKidesKidesKidesSicesThysionDevensesAtt	zures Iney disease paired sight kle cell anemia yroid condition velopmental disability ention deficit disorder cually transmitted disease	—High blood pressure —High cholesterol —Allergies —Heart condition —Intellectual disability —Anxiety/Panic attacks —Infertility/Sterility
<b>I affir</b> Signa	rm that the information given in thi	s questionnaire is c	correct to the best of my a	ability.  Date:

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

<ul> <li>Please answer the following questions as they apply to you.</li> <li>Check all the choices that apply. Most of the questions have more than one answer.</li> </ul>					
Print N	Name:		Date:		
1	Who primarily raised you?  Mother and Father Father Mother  Mother and Stepparent Father and Stepparent Stepmother	☐ Stepfather ☐ Maternal Gran ☐ Paternal Gran ☐ Aunt(s) and/c ☐ Mother and M ☐ Father and Fa	dparent(s) or Uncle(s) fother	☐ Ado ☐ Fost ☐ Insti	er Sibling(s) ptive Parent(s) er Parent(s) itutional Caretaker(s) al Guardian(s) er:
2	Were you separated from eiffollowing reasons?  No separations Parents separated Parents divorced Death of parent(s)	ther or both of your pare  Abandoned by parent Parent(s) long-term ho Parent(s) in military Parent(s) in prison	(s)	☐ Remov	For any of the ed from your home by or social services
3	How old were you when you first moved away from your parent(s) or primary caretaker(s) home?  years of age				
4	What were the circumstance	es that led you to leave h	ome? Were ther	e circumsta	nces that led you to return?
5	Check the boxes that best check the boxes the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes the boxes the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes that best check the boxes the boxes the boxes that best check the boxes th	Friendly Warm Gentle Smothering Demonstrative Over protective Respectful	Affections Affections Anxious Consisten Distant/Ut Superficia Strained Close	ate t ninvolved	other:  Took care of mother Afraid of mother Unpredictable Full of conflict Relaxed Loving Other:

6	Check the boxes that best characterize your childhood relationship with your father:		
	□ No relationship       □ Friendly       □ Affectionate       □ Took care of father         □ Abusive       □ Warm       □ Anxious       □ Afraid of father         □ Idolized       □ Gentle       □ Consistent       □ Unpredictable         □ Neglectful       □ Smothering       □ Distant/Uninvolved       □ Full of conflict         □ Caring       □ Demonstrative       □ Superficial       □ Relaxed         □ Supportive       □ Over protective       □ Strained       □ Loving         □ Fun       □ Respectful       □ Close       □ Other:		
7	If you were not primarily raised by your mother and/or father, which of the following best describes your relationship with your primary caretaker(s)?		
	□ Not applicable       □ Friendly       □ Affectionate       □ Took care of primary caretaker         □ Abusive       □ Warm       □ Anxious       □ Afraid of primary caretaker         □ Idolized       □ Gentle       □ Consistent       □ Unpredictable         □ Neglectful       □ Smothering       □ Distant/Uninvolved       □ Full of conflict         □ Caring       □ Demonstrative       □ Superficial       □ Relaxed         □ Supportive       □ Over protective       □ Strained       □ Loving         □ Fun       □ Respectful       □ Close       □ Other:		
8	Check the boxes that best describe what your childhood experience was like:		
	□ Painful □ Stable □ Traumatic   □ Happy □ Confusing □ Spoiled   □ Fun □ Frightening □ Enjoyable   □ Wonderful □ Chaotic □ Sad   □ Exciting □ Lonely □ Stimulating   □ Unhappy □ Secure □ Difficult to remember   □ Carefree □ Sickly □ Other:		
9	Check the boxes that best describe your parents'/primary caretakers' relationship with each other when you were a child:		
	□ No relationship       □ Cold       □ Committed         □ Divorced       □ Loving       □ Hostile         □ Separated       □ Violent       □ On again/Off again         □ Close       □ Fulfilling       □ Supportive         □ Happy       □ Full of conflict       □ Relaxed         □ Fun and playful       □ Domineering/Submissive       □ Affected by alcohol/drug abuse         □ Distrustful and suspicious       □ Tense       □ Other:		
10	How would you rate your parents'/primary caretakers' ability to manage their lives?  Mother or Primary Caretaker  Father or Primary Caretaker		
	□ Very good         □ Very good           □ Good         □ Good           □ Fair         □ Fair           □ Poor         □ Poor           □ Unknown         □ Unknown		

11	Check the boxes that best describe the personal characteristics of your mother or primary caretaker when you were a child:			
	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Loving</li> <li>Perfectionist</li> <li>Domineering</li> <li>Isolated</li> <li>Happy</li> <li>Optimistic</li> <li>Calm</li> <li>Violent</li> <li>Substance Abuser</li> <li>Preoccupied</li> <li>Self-confident</li> </ul>	☐ Active ☐ Outgoing ☐ Generous ☐ Aggressive ☐ Shy ☐ Irresponsible ☐ Pessimistic/Worrier ☐ Temperamental ☐ Understanding ☐ Nervous/Anxious ☐ Fun/Playful ☐ Rigid	☐ Moody ☐ Overly critical ☐ Hardworking ☐ Flexible ☐ Content ☐ Serious ☐ Compassionate ☐ Friendly/Social ☐ Warm ☐ Supportive ☐ Dramatic ☐ Irritable	☐ Easy going ☐ Kind ☐ Self centered ☐ Unforgiving ☐ Stubborn ☐ Irrational ☐ Manipulative/Controlling ☐ Passive ☐ Prejudiced ☐ Emotional ☐ Reassuring ☐ Other:
12	Check the boxes that bes caretaker when you wer	t describe the personal char e a child:	racteristics of your father	or other primary
	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Loving</li> <li>Perfectionist</li> <li>Domineering</li> <li>Isolated</li> <li>Happy</li> <li>Optimistic</li> <li>Calm</li> <li>Violent</li> <li>Substance abuser</li> <li>Preoccupied</li> <li>Self-confident</li> </ul>	☐ Active ☐ Outgoing ☐ Generous ☐ Aggressive ☐ Shy ☐ Irresponsible ☐ Pessimistic/Worrier ☐ Temperamental ☐ Understanding ☐ Nervous/Anxious ☐ Fun/Playful ☐ Rigid	☐ Moody ☐ Overly critical ☐ Hardworking ☐ Flexible ☐ Content ☐ Serious ☐ Compassionate ☐ Friendly/Social ☐ Warm ☐ Supportive ☐ Dramatic ☐ Irritable	☐ Easy going ☐ Kind ☐ Self centered ☐ Unforgiving ☐ Stubborn ☐ Irrational ☐ Manipulative/Controlling ☐ Passive ☐ Prejudiced ☐ Emotional ☐ Reassuring ☐ Other:
13	Who primarily disciplin	ed you during your childho	od?	
	□ Both parents equally □ Maternal grandparent(s)   □ Mother □ Paternal grandparent(s)   □ Father □ Aunt and/or uncle   □ Stepmother □ Foster parent(s)   □ Stepfather □ Legal guardian(s)   □ Older sibling(s) □ Primary caretaker(s)   □ Other:			

14	during your childhood:	escribe the way your parent(s)	//primary caretaker(s) dis	sciplined you	
	Mother or Primary Caretak	ser	Father or Primary Car	Father or Primary Caretaker	
	Not applicable Consistently Fairly Strictly Leniently Made idle threats Lectured Used time outs Reasoned with me Spanked Family Meetings Other:	Praised positive behaviors Shamed Grounded Removed privileges Logical consequences Withheld food Sent me to my room Ignored misbehaviors Used physical restraints Physically punished (other than spanking)	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Consistently</li> <li>Fairly</li> <li>Strictly</li> <li>Leniently</li> <li>Made idle threats</li> <li>Lectured</li> <li>Used time outs</li> <li>Reasoned with me</li> <li>Spanked</li> <li>Family Meetings</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	☐ Praised positive behaviors ☐ Shamed ☐ Grounded ☐ Removed privileges ☐ Logical consequences ☐ Withheld food ☐ Sent me to my room ☐ Ignored misbehaviors ☐ Used physical restraints ☐ Physically punished (other than spanking)	
15	Check the boxes that represent the personal values held by Mother or Primary Caretaker		y your parent(s)/primary Father or Primary Ca		
	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Religious beliefs</li> <li>Compassion</li> <li>Social conscience</li> <li>Strong work ethic</li> <li>Being responsible</li> <li>Freedom of expression</li> <li>Leading a balanced life</li> <li>Being a parent</li> <li>Patriotism</li> <li>Spiritual/Cultural</li> <li>Practice</li> </ul>	☐ Honesty ☐ Family closeness ☐ Family support ☐ Social status ☐ Education ☐ Self respect ☐ Independence ☐ Making money ☐ Fidelity ☐ Healthy life style ☐ Other:	<ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Religious beliefs</li> <li>Compassion</li> <li>Social conscience</li> <li>Strong work ethic</li> <li>Being responsible</li> <li>Freedom of express</li> <li>Leading a balanced</li> <li>Being a parent</li> <li>Patriotism</li> <li>Spiritual/Cultural</li> <li>Practice</li> </ul>		
16	_	values compare to those of yo	our parent(s)/primary car	etaker(s)?	
	☐ Basically share the same ☐ Share most of their value ☐ Share some of their value ☐ Do not share any of their ☐ Don't know	es es			

17	Check the boxes that best describe your parents'/primary caretakers' attitudes about sexuality when you were a child:			
L	Mother or Primary Caretaker	Father or Primary Caretaker		
	□ Unknown       □ Awkward discussing         □ Open about sexuality       □ Believed sex was sinful         □ Comfortable discussing       □ Liberal sexual attitudes         □ Old fashioned       □ Conservative attitudes         □ Never discussed sex       □ Sexually repressed         □ No sex before marriage       □ Sexually irresponsible         □ Condemned       □ Supported         homosexuality       sex education         □ Knowledgeable       □ Other:	Unknown Open about sexuality Comfortable discussing Old fashioned Never discussed sex No sex before marriage Condemned homosexuality Knowledgeable  Awkward discussing Believed sex was sinfu Liberal sexual attitudes Sexually repressed Sexually irresponsible Supported sex education Other:		
18	Check the boxes that best describe what you were like as	a child (pre-teenage years):		
	□ Happy       □ Awkward       □ Responsible         □ Temperamental       □ Self-confident       □ Sad         □ Stubborn       □ Friendly       □ Irresponsible         □ Unhappy       □ Calm       □ Anxious/N         □ Aggressive       □ Serious       □ Active         □ Fearful       □ Hyperactive       □ Funny	☐ Disobedient ☐ Curious  le ☐ Outgoing ☐ Compliant		
19	Check the boxes that best describe what you were like as	a teenager:		
	□ Happy       □ Awkward       □ Responsible         □ Temperamental       □ Self-confident       □ Sad         □ Stubborn       □ Friendly       □ Irresponsible         □ Unhappy       □ Calm       □ Anxious/N         □ Aggressive       □ Serious       □ Active         □ Fearful       □ Hyperactive       □ Funny	☐ Disobedient ☐ Curious  le ☐ Outgoing ☐ Compliant		
20	When you were a child, with whom would you confide?			
	□ Mother       □ Aunt(s)/Uncle(s)         □ Father       □ Stepparent         □ Sibling(s)       □ Primary Caretaker(s)         □ Grandparent(s)       □ Cousin(s)	Counselor(s)/Teacher(s)  Psychiatrist(s)/Psychologist(s)/Social Worker(s)  Clergy		
21	When you were a child or adolescent, did you require co	unseling or psychiatric care?		
	□ No □ Yes			
22	Are there issues, traumatic incidents or accidents from y	our childhood that currently cause you distress?		
	□ No □ Yes			

23	Check the boxes that best describe your early dating experiences:			
	☐ Didn't date ☐ Traum ☐ Fun ☐ Too m ☐ Unremarkable ☐ Dull ☐ Chaperoned ☐ In gro	uch too soon Unus	ual  ured	Frightening Exciting Limited Other:
24	Check the boxes that best describ	e your early sexual experie	ences:	
	☐ Limited ☐ Unren ☐ Traumatic ☐ Unusu ☐ Awkward ☐ Roman ☐ Exciting ☐ Regret	al Confu ntic Sham	eful $\square$	Pleasurable Abusive Pressured Other:
25	If you were married previously, h	ow did your marriage(s) e	nd?	
	☐ Not applicable ☐ Div	orce Death of s	spouse(s)	Annulment
26	If you were previously in a dome	stic partnership(s), how di	d your partnershi	p(s) end?
	<ul> <li>□ Not applicable</li> <li>□ Death of partner(s)</li> <li>□ Terminated partnership without legal agreement(s)</li> <li>□ Terminated partnership with legal agreement(s)</li> </ul>			
27	If you went through a divorce or terminated a domestic partnership, check the boxes that best describe what the experience was like for you:			
	<ul> <li>□ Not applicable</li> <li>□ Easy</li> <li>□ Expensive</li> <li>□ Frightening</li> <li>□ Amica</li> </ul>	Frust	rating   stating   stating	A relief Long and drawn out Depressing Other:
28	Have you ever been in a custody dispute?  No Yes			
29	How long did you know your cur a domestic partner relationship?	rent spouse/partner before	you were marrie	d or established
	<ul><li>☐ Less than 6 months</li><li>☐ Less than a year</li><li>☐ 1 to 2 years</li></ul>	☐ 3 to 4 years ☐ 5 to 7 years ☐ 8 to 12 years	□ 13 or m	ore years

30	Check the boxes that best describe the characteristics of your current spouse/partner:			
	Religious Uncaring Appreciative Affectionate Compassionate Dogmatic Introvert Emotional Friendly Rigid Self-centered Gentle Good listener Considerate	☐ Playful ☐ Distant ☐ Thoughtful ☐ Athletic ☐ Workaholic ☐ Prejudiced ☐ Careful ☐ Outgoing ☐ Quick tempered ☐ Worrier ☐ Domineering ☐ Supportive ☐ Predictable ☐ Anxious	□ Unhappy □ Smart   □ Argumentative □ Social   □ Competitive □ Happy   □ Sarcastic □ Unforgiving   □ Faultfinding □ Understanding   □ Flexible □ Honest   □ Abusive □ Romantic   □ Moody □ Generous   □ Stubborn □ Dependable   □ Depressed □ Impulsive   □ Tolerant □ Good sense of hu   □ Communicative □ Kind   □ Clear thinking □ Energetic   □ Other:	umor
31	Check the boxes that best of Roles you play in relations	·	and your spouse/partner play in the relation  Roles spouse/partner plays in relationship	ship:
	☐ Head of household ☐ Leader ☐ Emotional one ☐ Social planner ☐ Initiator ☐ Peacemaker ☐ Comforter ☐ Risk taker ☐ Money manager ☐ Homemaker	<ul> <li>Wage earner</li> <li>Decision maker</li> <li>Rational one</li> <li>Organizer</li> <li>Compromiser</li> <li>Caregiver</li> <li>Follower</li> <li>Negotiator</li> <li>Manager</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	□ Head of household □ Wage earner   □ Leader □ Decision maker   □ Emotional one □ Rational one   □ Social planner □ Organizer   □ Initiator □ Compromiser   □ Peacemaker □ Caregiver   □ Comforter □ Follower   □ Risk taker □ Negotiator   □ Money manager □ Manager   □ Homemaker □ Other:	
32	How often do you and you	ır spouse/partner argue?		
	<ul><li>☐ Never</li><li>☐ Rarely</li><li>☐ Once or twice a year</li></ul>	☐ Once or twice a mor☐ Once or twice a wee☐ Almost daily		
33	Check the boxes that best	describe the major areas of co	onflict between you and your spouse/partner:	
	<ul> <li>□ Discipline of children</li> <li>□ Religion</li> <li>□ Alcohol/Drugs</li> <li>□ Emotional closeness</li> <li>□ Family involvement</li> <li>□ Money</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Personal habits</li> <li>□ Household chores</li> <li>□ Work</li> <li>□ Infidelity</li> <li>□ Emotional separateness</li> <li>□ Travel</li> </ul>	□ Sexual relations       □ Personal expectation         □ Politics       □ Friends         □ Values       □ Leisure time         □ Separate activities       □ Shared activities         □ Time apart       □ Time together         □ Other:	

34	Check the boxes that best describe the way you typically react when you have a major disagreement with your spouse/partner:		
	<ul> <li>□ Reach agreement through mutual give and take</li> <li>□ Take time to think things over before discussing</li> <li>□ Give in and attempt to smooth things over</li> <li>□ Seek outside help such as a counselor/clergy person</li> <li>□ Sometimes pound or break things</li> <li>□ Change the topic</li> <li>□ Other:</li> </ul>	☐ Agree to disagree ☐ Sometimes yell and shout ☐ Leave the house to cool off ☐ Become silent ☐ Try to outwit spouse/partner ☐ Things get physical (pushing, shoving, hitting)	
35	How sexually compatible are you and your spouse/par	tner?	
	<ul><li>□ Very compatible</li><li>□ Compatible</li><li>□ Not very compatible</li></ul>	☐ Incompatible	
36	Have you and your spouse/partner ever gone through a	difficult period that threatened your relationship?	
	□ No □ Yes		
37	Have you and your spouse/partner ever separated?		
	□ No □ Yes		
38	Check the boxes that best describe your current relation	nship with your mother and father:	
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40	In some families, different viewpoints concerning such things as life-style, personal values, religion, socio/economic status, sexual orientation, politics, etc., interfere with family relationships. To what degree is that the case in your family?					
	<ul> <li>□ Issues such as these do not interfere with relationships within my family</li> <li>□ Issues such as these seldom interfere with relationships within my family</li> <li>□ Occasionally issues such as these interfere with relationships within my family</li> <li>□ Frequently issues such as these interfere with relationships within my family</li> </ul>					
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	<ul> <li>□ All family members are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ Most family members are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ About half are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ Few are ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> <li>□ No family member is ready, willing and able to fully accept</li> </ul>					

44	How many people in your life, outside of your family, are ready, willing and able to provide you support as a parent?				
	<ul> <li>□ There are numerous people who are ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There are several people who are ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There are a few select people who are ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There is one person who is ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> <li>□ There is nobody who is ready, willing and able to be supportive</li> </ul>				
45	How many people in your life cause you serious conflict and stress?				
	<ul> <li>□ There are numerous people who cause me serious conflict and stress</li> <li>□ There are several people who cause me serious conflict and stress</li> <li>□ There are a few select people who cause me serious conflict and stress</li> <li>□ There is one person who causes me serious conflict and stress</li> <li>□ There is nobody who causes me serious conflict and stress</li> </ul>				
46	Check the boxes that best describe your community involvement:				
	<ul> <li>☐ Have no friends that I socialize with</li> <li>☐ Have a few friends that I socialize with</li> <li>☐ Have many friends that I socialize with</li> <li>☐ Regular involvement in social organizations</li> <li>☐ Occasional attendance at religious services</li> <li>☐ Rarely/Never attend religious services</li> <li>☐ Active in politics</li> <li>☐ Regular attendance at religious services</li> <li>☐ Rarely/Never attend religious services</li> <li>☐ Active in community organizations</li> <li>☐ Occasional involvement in community organizations</li> <li>☐ Occasional involvement in community organizations</li> <li>☐ Cultural events</li> </ul>				
47	If you are employed outside of the home, how many hours per week do you work?				
	☐ Not applicable ☐ 20 - 30 hours ☐ 41- 50 hours ☐ More than 50 hours				
48	If you are employed outside of the home, how long have you worked at your current job?				
	☐ Not applicable ☐ years and months				
49	Whether you work inside or outside the home, do you enjoy your work?				
	$\square$ No $\square$ Most of the time $\square$ Some of the time $\square$ All of the time				
50	Have you ever been fired?				
	□ No □ Yes				

51	Do you plan any career or job changes in the near future?					
	□ No □ Yes					
52	How do/will you discipline a child in your care?					
	☐ Spanking ☐ Lecturing ☐ Rational discussion ☐ Consistently use reasonable consistent	feel at the time own in crib	Use "time outs" Raise my voice	ould be ashamed nent in the future gry they make me		
53	What is the overall condition of y	What is the overall condition of your health?				
	☐ Excellent ☐ Good	□ Fair □	Poor			
54	Have you ever been hospitalized or had surgery?					
	□ No □ Yes					
55	Are you currently taking any medication(s)?					
	□ No □ Yes	□ No □ Yes				
56	Have you or any of the family members listed below had any of the following conditions?  Indicate which family member by using the following code, placing the appropriate number in front of the condition:  1 = SELF  2 = PARENT(S)  3 = SIBLING(S)  4 = CHILDREN  5 = SPOUSE/PARTNER					
    	DiabetesArthritisCancerFrequent heater	adachesKidImpSic. sThy onDev essAtte	zures Iney disease paired sight kle cell anemia yroid condition velopmental disability ention deficit disorder cually transmitted disease	High blood pressureHigh cholesterolAllergiesHeart conditionIntellectual disabilityAnxiety/Panic attacksInfertility/Sterility		
I affirm that the information given in this questionnaire is correct to the best of my ability.  Signature:						