

***NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FAMILY CENTER***  
**HOME STUDY OUTLINE**

This is an outline of the Home Study report please fill out as completely as possible.

**I. HISTORY**

**A. Your Family History**

1. Number of siblings, birth order

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2. Parents

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3. How disciplined

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4. Childhood responsibility

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5. Extended family

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**B. Personal History**

1. Occupations

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2. Military Service

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3. Past marriages - alliances

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4. Education

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5. Health

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**C. Personal Experiences - Reactions**

1. Traumas

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2. Childhood memories

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## HOME STUDY OUTLINE CONTINUED

3. Adolescence

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4. Significant others

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## II. PRESENT

### A. Personality Traits

1. Flexibility

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2. Openness

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3. Self-awareness

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4. Anger- how expressed

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5. Patience

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6. Sense of humor - their "child"

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7. Demonstration of affection (warmth)

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### B. Coping and Defence Mechanisms

1. "Buttons"

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2. Time for self

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3. Stress

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### C. Philosophy

1. Religion - time

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2. Money values

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3. Education

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4. Family roles

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5. Biases, prejudices

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6. Style of parenting \_ discipline

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### D. Lifestyle

1. Housekeeping standards

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2. Decision making - who, how

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3. Communication skills

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4. Hobbies

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5. Community involvement

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6. Activities - family, individual

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7. Friends

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8. Support system

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9. Availability of time

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### E. General

1. Description of home -bedroom space

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2. Description of community - school

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3. Occupation

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4. Income and expenses

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5. Pets

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6. Stability

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### F. Family

1. Parents

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2. Marriage

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3. Relationships with spouse

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4. Own children - relationship with

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5. Pregnancy - past, present

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6. Description of family members - physical, personality and health

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7. Children outside the home

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8. Extended family

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9. Sex life, dating

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### III. FOSTER CARE

#### A. Commitment

1. Follow through

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2. Pregnancies

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3. Capacity for change

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4. Ability and willingness to accept help

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#### B. Compliance with State Regulations

1. Transportation

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2. Criminal record

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3. Availability of other caretakers

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#### C. Experience

1. Knowledge of childhood development:common problems

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2. Prior experience with children

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D. Attitude/Expectations

1. Expectations - child, agency

2. Reasons for becoming a foster parent

3. Relationship with social worker

4. Willingness to expend time for the foster child

5. How do they see a foster child changing their lifestyle

6. Attitude toward natural parents

7. Type of child desired

8. Natural children's willingness to accept foster child

E. Other Historical Information which You Feel is Important:

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