

Assessing Relief

If your Relief Caregiver is not an approved Foster Parent, you must assess them using **Resource Work Policies, Appendix F: Foster Caregiver's Guide for Assessing Relief Care Providers**.

What does the Foster Parent have to do?

1. Interview the prospective applicants using the list of questions suggested in *Foster Caregiver's Guide for Assessing Relief Care Providers*.
2. Gather 3 references from the proposed Relief Providers and call them.
3. Visit the applicant's home (if the plan is to do relief in their home) and complete the environment check list.
4. Talk to the child or youth about your relief plans, and the proposed Relief Caregiver.
5. Document your assessment findings, complete all check-lists, and have the Relief Caregivers sign-off on your assessment.
6. Give copies of the completed Assessment to your Resource Worker, and the Relief Caregiver.

What does your Resources Social Worker do?

1. Completes screening via Criminal Record Checks, Initial Record Reviews, and Detailed Record Reviews on the Relief Care Provider being assessed by the Foster Caregiver
2. Consults with you throughout the selection, screening & assessment process to complete a joint approval process
3. Recommends relief caregiver with you, for approval by the child's care team.

What information will I need to assess the relief caregiver?

- Resource Work Policies, Appendix F: Foster Caregiver's Guide for Assessing Relief Care Providers
- Foster Family Handbook
- Standards for Foster Homes
- Environment of Care Checklist
- Summary of Standards
- MCFD Consent for Criminal Record Information
- MCFD Consent for Prior Contact Check

Where do I get these documents?

Ask your Resources Social Worker, or your Foster Parent Coordinator. These documents are also available online at the OFPA website www.okfosterparents.ca on the ***Forms and Publications*** page.

For more information refer to the ***FAQs on Relief*** document.