

Pre-placement Questions

Foster Caregivers should ask the following questions to MCFD before welcoming a child or youth into your home. This will help you make informed decisions and assist you in determining how to prepare your home to best support your family and the child.

Pre-placement Questions:

- Why is the child or youth being placed in foster care?
- What is the child's understanding of why they have been placed in care?
- What is the child's: name, birthdate, gender, medical number, legal status, health status (any allergies, medications, etc.)? Do they have any scheduled appointments?
- Will there be pre-placement visits?
- Is there a Plan of Care in place & what is the expected length of placement?
- What is the child's cultural identity and/or religious practices?
- When will a social worker visit or be in contact?
- What school does the child attend and what grade? Are you aware of challenges at school?
- Will the child need transportation to school or home visits?
- Are there legal issues between the child/teen & their parents? Are there privacy issues?
- Are there behaviours that I should be aware of (unusual habits, self-harm, toileting issues, stealing, damaging property, running away, harm to animals, issues with the law, substance abuse issues)?
- Are there other mental health challenges (depression, anxiety, avoidance, etc.)?
- Does the child have a support need diagnosis?
- Is there a history of sexual abuse or violence? Does the child pose a risk to other children in the home?
- Does the child attend counselling?
- Does the child have a history of making allegations about their caregivers?
- Where was the child's last placement? Are there experiences I should know about?
- Does the child need clothing? Is there a clothing allowance?
- Does the child have siblings? What are their names?
- What is the child's likes and dislikes? What are their strengths, hobbies, or interests?
- Are there two parents? Who is the child allowed to contact and/or visit?
- What are the parents' names? Where do they live?
- Will there be visitations with the child's family? Where and how often?
- Are there family dynamics I should be aware of?
- What is the after-hours emergency number?
- What is the maintenance rate & when are payments issued?