



## Don't Forget to Ask

**Foster Parents often wish they would have asked more questions before accepting a child into their home. The list below is designed to assist you in your discussion with the Ministry. Please note that all questions do not apply to all placements.**

1. Why is this child being placed?
2. What is the child's understanding of the reason for placement/separation from his family?
3. What are the child's previous placement experiences?
4. What is the family situation?
5. Where are the parents?
6. Will the parents visits? Is so, where? How often?
7. Are there siblings? Where are they?
8. Will there be pre-placement visits?
9. What is the plan for the child? Is the length of placement known at this time?
10. What is the child's legal status?
11. When was the child's last physical?
12. What is the child's health status? Do they have any allergies? Are they on any medications? When was the last dental check-up?
13. Who is the child's doctor?
14. Is religion important to the child?
15. What school and what grad does the child attend?
16. Are there any problems in school?
17. Does the child have any behavioral problems or habits?
18. If this child has been sexually abused, is he/she at risk to themselves or others?
19. Are the child's clothes adequate and appropriate?
20. What will help the child feel at home? What is their favorite food? Do they have a comforting toy?
21. When will the social worker visit and/or call?
22. Who do I call after hours?
23. What do you (the social worker) expect of me (foster parent)?
24. Will I receive the form 'Confidential Information for Foster Parents Regarding Child Placement?'

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