

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE
PART 402 LICENSING STANDARDS FOR FOSTER FAMILY HOMES**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND INITIAL OR CHECK BOXES WHERE APPROPRIATE.

SECTION I. WATER QUALITY

Rule 402.8(e) The water supply of the foster family home shall comply with the requirements of the local and State health departments. ... If well water is used, a copy of the Inspection Report and Compliance with (any health department) Regulations shall be on file with the supervising agency.

I certify that a municipal water system, monitored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, is the water source for this family foster home.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ Date _____ Applicant B--Initial Here _____ Date _____

CHECK HERE, AND COMPLETE FORM CFS 452, WATER AGREEMENT, IF WELL WATER IS THE FAMILY FOSTER HOME'S WATER SOURCE.

SECTION II. WATER TEMPERATURE

Rule 402.8(e) If the foster family home accepts children under the age of ten or who are developmentally disabled, the maximum hot water temperature from all showers and bathtubs shall be no more than 115° Fahrenheit.

I affirm that I have read and understand the above hot water standard and agree to comply with this requirement by regulating the water temperature in my home, either at the source of the water heater or by some other mechanical means added to the plumbing at each site where children have access to hot water.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ Date _____ Applicant B--Initial Here _____ Date _____

CHECK HERE, AND COMPLETE FORM CFS 452-1, WATER TEMPERATURE AGREEMENT, IF THE HOME WILL BE ACCEPTING DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN OR CHILDREN UNDER TEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE ABOVE STANDARD CANNOT BE MET.

CHECK HERE IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HOME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN OR CHILDREN UNDER TEN YEARS OF AGE.

SECTION III. FIREARMS

Rule 402.8(m) Any and all firearms and ammunition shall be stored and locked up separately at all times and kept in places inaccessible to children. No firearms possessed in violation of a State or federal law or a local government ordinance shall be present in the home at any time. Loaded guns shall not be kept in a foster home unless required by law enforcement officers and in accordance with their law enforcement agency's safety procedures.

I certify that there are no firearms on the premises, but will immediately notify the Licensing Representative and complete form **CFS 452-2, Foster Family Firearms Arrangement**, if I, or any member of the foster family home, acquires a firearm.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ Date _____ Applicant B--Initial Here _____ Date _____

CHECK HERE, AND COMPLETE FORM CFS 452-2, FOSTER FAMILY FIREARMS ARRANGEMENT, IF THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIREARMS ON THE PREMISES

SECTION IV. OPERATING TELEPHONE

Rule 402.8(q) *The foster home shall have an operating telephone on the premises unless the supervising agency has approved a written plan detailing the immediate and unrestricted access to such an instrument.*

I certify that a working telephone (landed or cell) is on the premises and available for immediate use at all times when foster children are present.

The telephone number(s) is/are: _____

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ **Date** _____ **Applicant B--Initial Here** _____ **Date** _____

CHECK HERE, AND ATTACH THE WRITTEN PLAN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE SUPERVISING AGENCY, IF THERE IS NO OPERATING TELEPHONE ON THE PREMISES.

SECTION V. FINANCIAL ABILITY

402.12(i) *The foster parents shall have sufficient and stable financial resources to provide for all needs of current household members and for any youth placed in the foster home.*

I certify that I am able to provide for my family’s basic needs. I understand that I may incur expenses for the basic needs of foster children placed in my home **before** receiving the foster children’s room and board reimbursement.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ **Date** _____ **Applicant B--Initial Here** _____ **Date** _____

SECTION VI. REASONABLE & PRUDENT PARENTING STANDARDS

“Reasonable and prudent parent standard” means the standard, characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the child’s health, safety, and best interests while at the same time supporting the child’s emotional and developmental growth that a caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in out-of-home care to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. [20 ILCS 505/7.3a(b)]

I certify I understand and shall conform to the Reasonable & Prudent Parenting Standards.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ **Date** _____ **Applicant B--Initial Here** _____ **Date** _____

SECTION VII. ALCOHOL & DRUG USE

Rule 402.8 k): Alcoholic beverages and toxic/hazardous materials shall be kept where youth in care cannot access them.

402.8j): Applicants and licensees shall not use any illegal substance, abuse prescription and/or non-prescription drugs and/or abuse alcohol. Applicants shall not drink alcohol in excess while caring for youth in care.

I certify I understand and shall conform to the standards related to alcohol and drug use.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ **Date** _____ **Applicant B--Initial Here** _____ **Date** _____

SECTION VIII. SMOKING

Rule 402.8 i): Applicants and their guests will not smoke in the family foster home, in any vehicle used to transport the child, or in the presence of the child in foster care.

I certify I understand and shall conform to the standards related to smoking.

Applicant A--Initial Here _____ Date _____ Applicant B--Initial Here _____ Date _____

SECTION IX. SIGNATURES

I HAVE READ SECTIONS I TROUGH VIII OF THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MEANING, AND I HAVE INITIALED AND SIGNED IT OF MY FREE WILL ON MY OWN BEHALF.

Signature (Applicant A) Date

Printed Name (Applicant A)

Signature (Applicant B) Date

Printed Name (Applicant B)