

Safety Assessment for Children and Adults Living in the Same Home

Individuals' name: _____ DOB: _____

- This individual: Will become their own guardian at age 18
(choose one) Will remain in state custody (*court order – copy required*)
 Other: _____

The Team for the above named individual has determined that it is in the individual's best interest to remain in a "developmental disability child foster home beyond their 18th birthday or move to an adult foster home or adult group home prior to their 18th birthday.

We understand that this recommendation is required by the team annually **Review and approval is necessary by certifier and SPD.**

The team has taken the following into consideration for each child/adult living in the foster home or group home at the time of this review prior to completing this form. Discussion of each topic listed below must be documented.

This document will be returned as incomplete if anything is left blank.
(See instructions for a description of each item.)

1. Gender and age of other **foster or group home individuals** currently living in this home:

2. Gender and age of **other individuals** currently living in this home (*adult, bio, grandchildren, etc*):

3. Sleeping arrangements:

4. Egress during fire:

5. Skill level of the foster provider(s):

6. Supervision level (including staffing and ratio of adult to child):

7. Current risk factors:

8. What is the long term plans for this child and other children in this home who will be turning 18 or 21, and any plans for future placement of children in this home?

By signing this form, we acknowledge that we have discussed the above issues and have determined it is safe and appropriate for this individual to remain in this child foster home. This discussion included safety and appropriateness of this particular placement in relationship to **ALL** other children living in this home (confidentiality was maintained).

We understand that the dynamics of the foster home may change and the review might be necessary prior to the reviewing this annually. We understand that should the risk factors change for the individual on this document, we will notify the certifier immediately.

Name	Date	Check one	
Child:		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Parent or guardian:		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
DD Case Manager/representative:		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Foster provider:		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Foster provider:		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Other (<i>specify</i>):		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Other (<i>specify</i>):		<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

Attach court order if individual remains ward of the court – this is required

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Instructions for Safety Assessment for Children and Adults living in the Same Home

Young adult turning 18 remaining in a child foster home or group home.

Ensuring the safety of both the individual turning 18 and the children in the home is a major consideration. Providers, ISP teams and certifiers should understand that the young person turning 18 is subject to adult laws. Confidentiality should be taken into consideration during this discussion; however, this discussion would include need to know basic information about the composition of the home and potential risks in order to make safe placement decisions.

ISP teams should be aware that this document is ***valid for only one year*** and must be completed annually. Teams should be aware that the individual ***must remain in their special education program*** for this opportunity to be available.

The following may be used as a discussion guideline for the listed discussion items on the document:

Sleeping arrangements

Once the child turns 18, they are not able to share a room with other children. If there are compelling reasons otherwise, the team must provide an explanation of why it is safe and appropriate for the individual to remain sharing a room. This explanation must also include provisions for privacy.

Egress during a fire

Consider fire safety skills and the ability to evacuate. All persons in the home must be able to evacuate within 3 minutes. As these individuals reach physical maturity, the ability of the provider to provide physical assistance may need to change.

Skill level of foster provider

Does the provider understand the differences in relating to an adult rather than a child? Do they have sufficient training and time to meet the appropriate emotional, social, and physical needs of both ages? Is there special training required that the provider must maintain (OIS, RN)? Does the provider understand issues such as independence and self-sufficiency?

Level of supervision and ratio of adult to child

In considering the needs of the children and the adult, does the provider have the capacity to ensure adequate supervision to prevent inappropriate behavior? What has been the level of supervision in the past? Does this continue to be appropriate once the individual turns 18 and is subject to adult laws? Does the individual or others in the home require 1:1 supervision or other restrictions? What is the current respite and/or staffing plan?

Current risk factors

Do any of the children in this home have aggressive behaviors or sexual issues of concern? What is this individual's history of being physically aggressive or sexually inappropriate? What risks might be posed to this individual by others in the home? Consider the risks to the children in the home, consider the risks the children may pose to the individual who is now legally an adult and the legal adult may pose to children. This **includes** bio children or other children that might be in the home, in addition to other foster children. What is the impact on compatibility and emotional connection? Is the individual part of a sibling group that is in this home (desirability to keep siblings placed together)?

Long term plans

Does the provider plan to provide long-term support to this individual beyond age 21? If yes, what is the plan to obtain adult licensure? Will other children be placed in this home at a future date (provider taking new placements)? Will other children in this home be turning 18 soon with a plan to remain in the home?