

**Office of the Child Advocate -
Adoption Home Study Guide**

Child's Name:

Factors regarding the "match"	Family 1	Family 2	Family 3
Family is kin			
Family is kin and has taken steps to enhance their relationships			
Family is currently parenting the child			
Family is currently parenting a sibling			
Family is willing to consider parenting a sibling			
Family has a strong emotional relationship with the child			
Family has maintained consistent interest in this child			
Family meets child's consistently stated preference for a family			
Family demonstrates willingness to allow child to maintain current relationships important to him/her			
Family has skills to meet the child's identified special needs			
Family is able to incorporate this child's special needs into their family			
Family has access to services in their community needed to meet child's needs			
Family can maintain racial and cultural connections and understands cultural history			
Family practices same religion or will make religious preference available to child			
Family has plan in place in the event of their premature death			

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Factors regarding the family	Family 1	Family 2	Family 3
The couple has a strong, stable relationship and works together			
The single person is mature and has strong, supportive relationships			
The decision to adopt is mutual. Both are equally invested			
The single person decision to adopt is well thought out			
They have experience and ability to deal with grief and loss			
Demonstrates perseverance in conflict resolution			
Ability to advocate for necessary services/supports			
Demonstrates ability to adjust personal expectations			
Values and accepts differences in others			
Family has realistic expectations of children and can make necessary changes to accommodate child's special needs			
Utilizes a positive approach to behavior management			
Open to professional intervention when needed			
Open to birth family contact, if applicable			
Can financially support the addition of a child			
Have a strong support network on which they can depend			

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