


STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF FOSTER PARENTS & RELATIVE CAREGIVERS



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SNAPSHOT OF FOSTER PARENT & RELATIVE CAREGIVERS

- 4000 Certified Families
- 1350 Certified Relative Caregivers
- 45 Percent of Children Placed with Relative Caregivers
- Less than 2 foster children, on average, per certified home

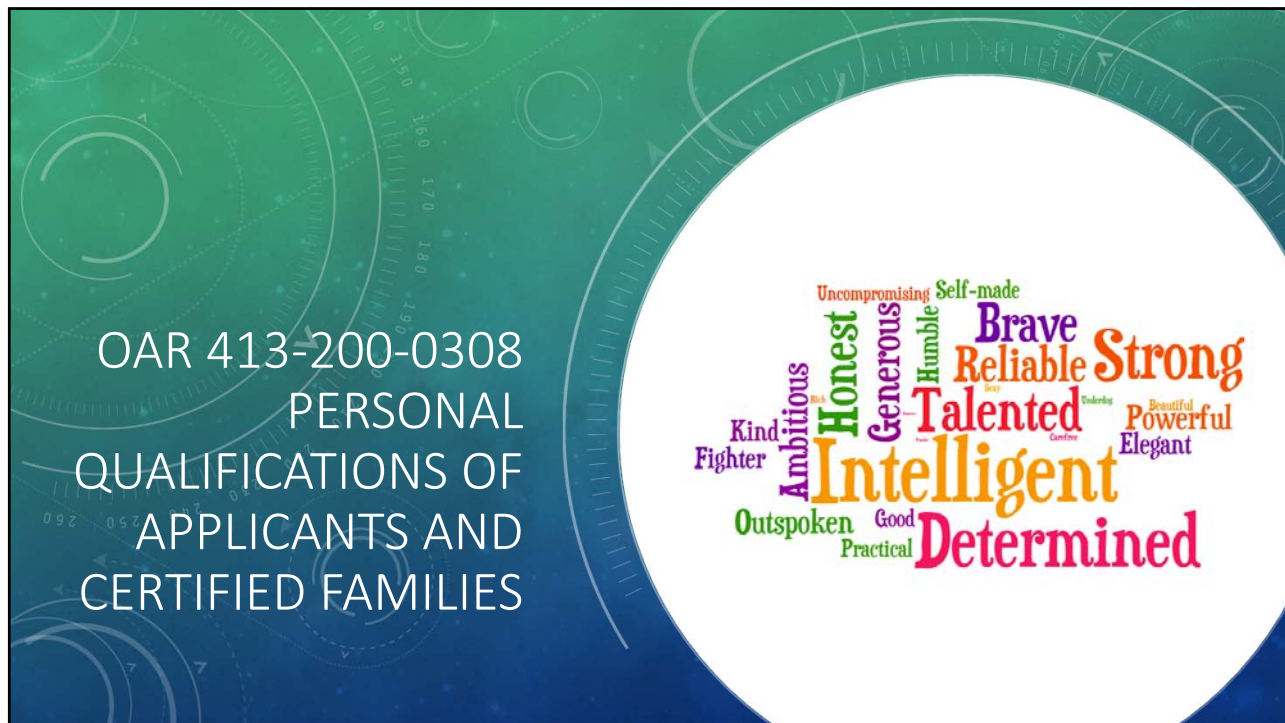
Children in Certified Home	Number of Child Specific Certified Homes	Number of General Certified Homes	Total Number of Certified Homes
1	1250	453	1703
2	479	312	791
3	164	141	305
4	36	46	82
5	12	32	44
6	7	14	21
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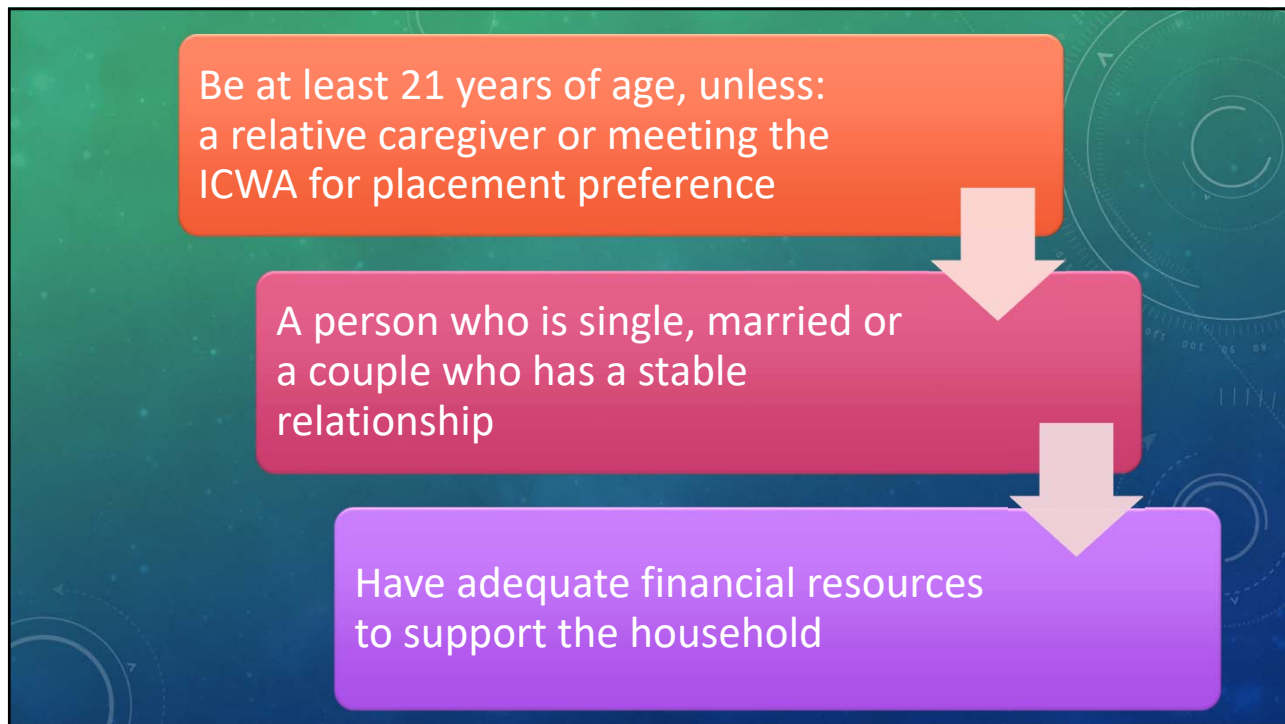
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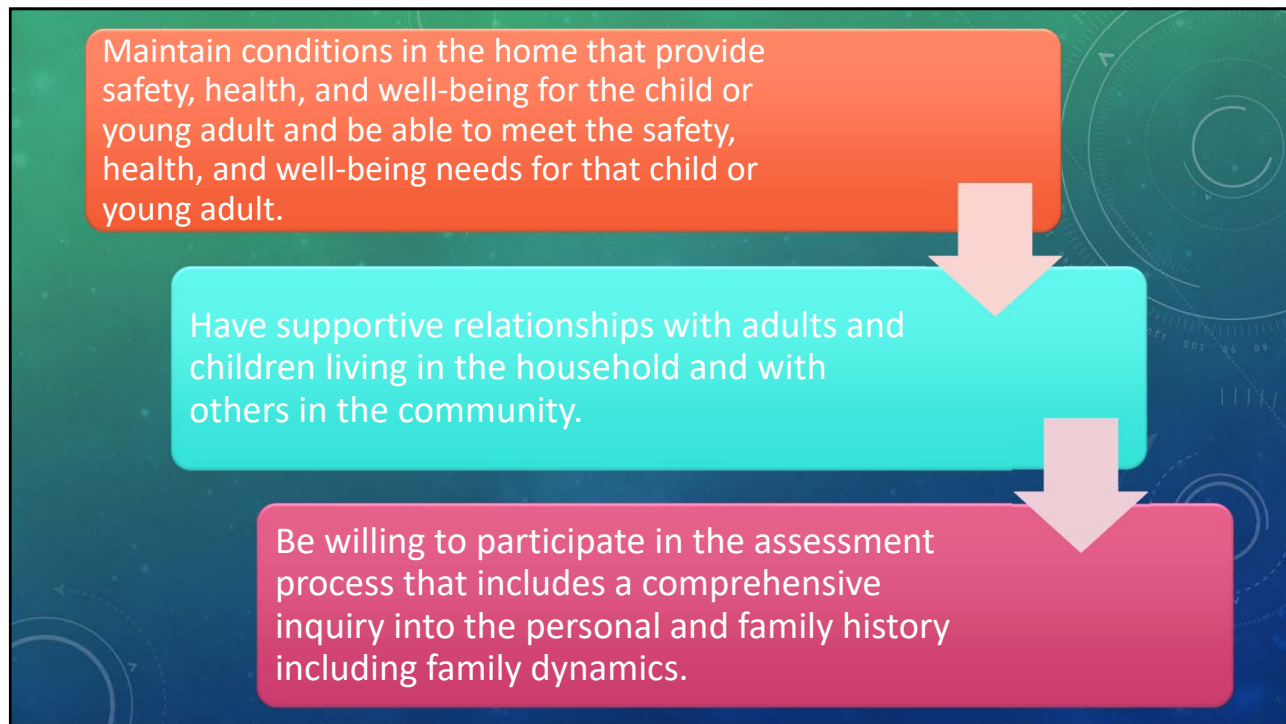
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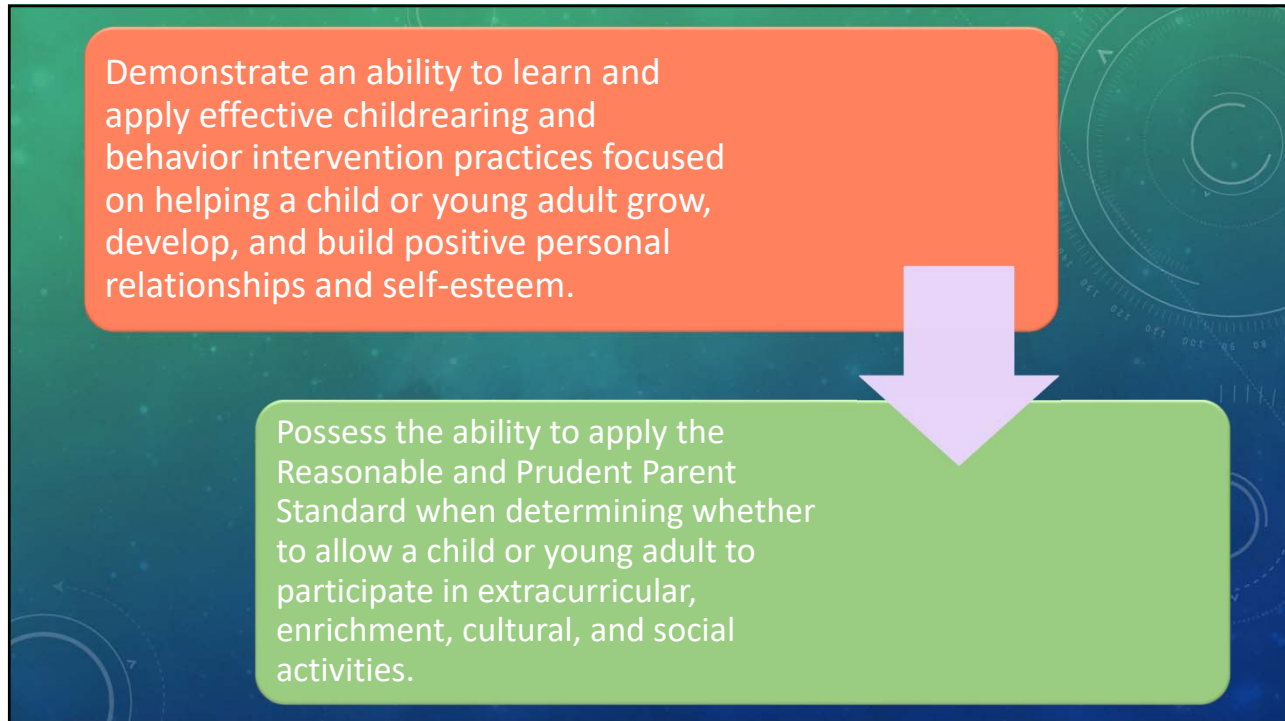
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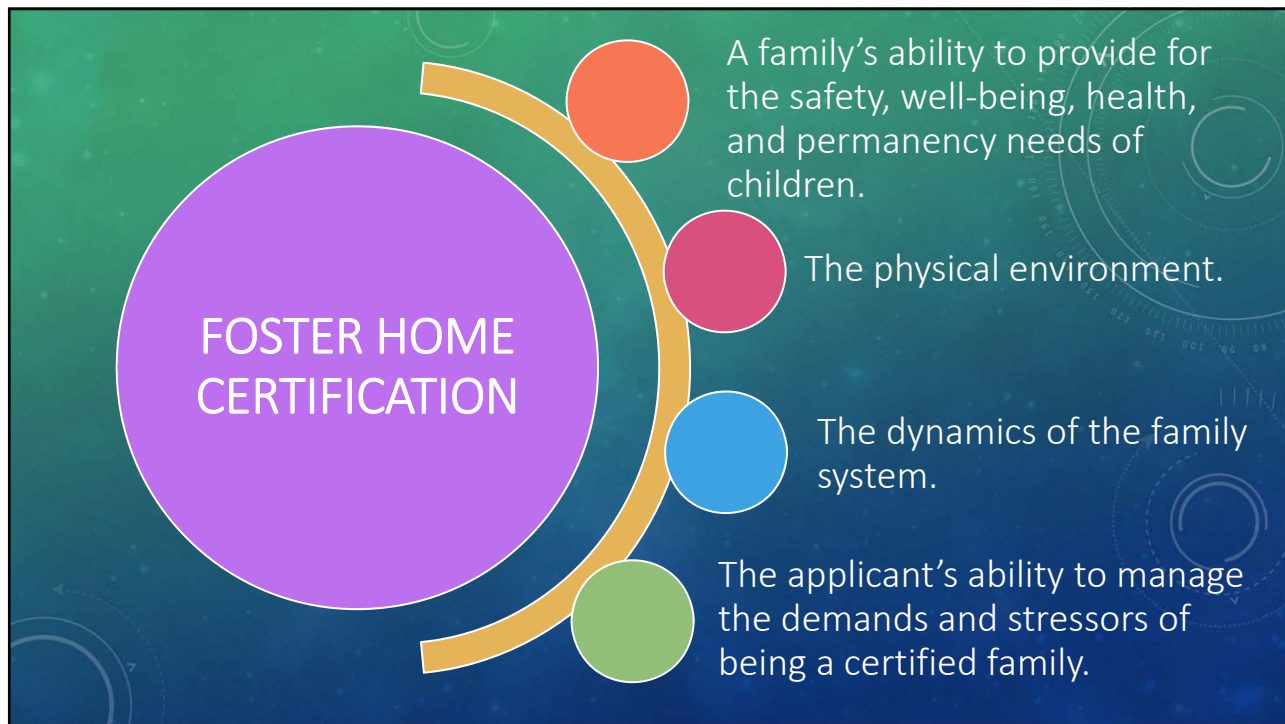












CERTIFICATION TOOLS AND PROCESSES

- Criminal History and Child Welfare Background Checks
- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Medical and Financial Forms
- Initial Training



CERTIFICATION TOOLS AND PROCESSES

- Safety Assessment of Home and Surroundings
- References
- SAFE Home Study
- Clinical Supervision



MONITORING FOSTER AND RELATIVE CAREGIVER HOMES

- Caseworker Contact
- Certifier Contact
- Ongoing Training
- Renewal





PLACEMENT SUPPORT PLAN

Placement support plans are designed as a process for Child Welfare to partner with a certified family in maintaining conditions that provide safety, health, and well-being for children placed in the home by the department.

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WHAT IS AN OUT OF HOME CARE ASSESSMENT?

Comprehensive assessment of safety

Interviews of children, caregivers,
professionals, collaterals, witnesses

Assess home environment

Initial Internal Staffing & Post Staffing

Required notifications of assessment
assignment and closure

WHEN AN ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED

Internal DHS staffing to share
findings


Notification of Disposition sent to
required parties

DISPOSITIONS:

Unfounded/
Unsubstantiated

Unable to
Determine

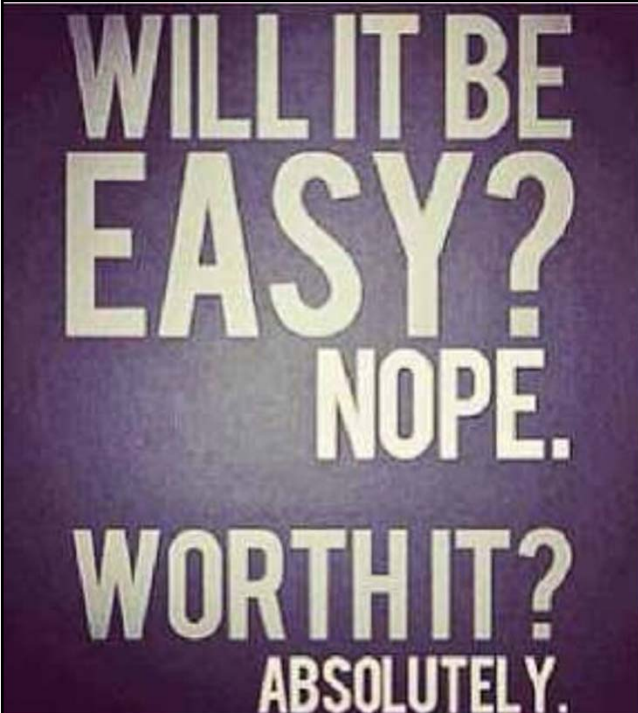
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RATES OF ABUSE IN FOSTER AND RELATIVE HOMES

During FFY 2017, 166 children in foster care were victims of abuse where the provider was the perpetrator.

- Placement Type:
 - Pre-Adoptive - 3
 - Behavioral Rehabilitation Services - 15
 - DD Group Home - 8
 - Foster Care - 89
 - Relative Foster Care - 42



STRESS EXPERIENCED BY CERTIFIED FAMILIES

- Interrupted Plans
- Intrusions on Space & Privacy
- Change of roles & relationships with children
- Change of roles & relationships with birth parents

