



Frequently Asked Questions about Assessing Relief

If your relief caregiver is not an approved Foster Parent, you will need to assess them using the assessment guide & checklist, pages 72-78, in the Foster Family Handbook, 5th Edition -May 2013

What does the Foster Parent have to do?

1. Assess the proposed relief caregiver. See page 75 for possible questions.
2. Discuss your contractual obligations and Standards with the relief caregiver. Provide them with the Foster Home Standards and Foster Family Handbook.
3. Visit the relief caregiver's home to check that it meets Standards. The Environment of Care checklist will help.
4. Talk to the child or youth about the plans for relief and proposed relief caregiver.
5. Check 3 references
6. Sign assessment as required, and get relief caregivers approval and signature.

What does your Resources Social Worker do?

1. Criminal Record Check and Prior Contact Check
2. Review the *Summary of the Relief Caregiver Assessment Steps* and discuss with Foster Parent

Together the Foster Parent and Resources Social Worker will recommend relief caregiver for approval by the child's care team.

What information will I need to assess the relief caregiver?

- Foster Family Handbook, 5th Edition -May 2013
- Standards for Foster Homes
- Environment of Care Checklist
- Summary of Standards
- MCFD Consent for Criminal Record Information
- MCFD Consent for Prior Contact Check

Where do I get these documents?

Ask your Resources Social Worker, or your Foster Parent Coordinator. These documents are also available online at the OFPA website www.okfosterparents.ca on the *Forms and Publications* page.

For more Information: see the *FAQ on Relief*