

Willingness to Foster Scale (WFS)

Many children in foster care have **emotional or behavioral problems**. As you think about what kinds of children would be a good match for your family, it will help to think about what kinds of emotional or behavior problems you can handle. Below is a list of problems that children in foster care might have. Please use the scale provided to indicate what types of children you are willing to foster in your home.

Parent #1 (name): _____

Parent #2 (name): _____

Please rank according to this scale:

- 1** = Would not be willing to foster under any circumstances
- 2** = Might be willing to foster with a lot of help and support
- 3** = Probably be willing to foster with a little extra help and support
- 4** = Would be willing to foster without any extra help or support

Parent #1	Parent #2	
		1. Child who argues a lot with me.
		2. Child who is suicidal or wants to hurt himself/herself.
		3. Child who steals.
		4. Child who physically attacks others.
		5. Child who doesn't obey me.
		6. Child who gets into trouble at school.
		7. Child who threatens others.
		8. Child who is disrespectful.
		9. Child who lies.
		10. Child who is very secretive.
		11. Child who destroys the property of others.
		12. Child who masturbates.
		13. Child who doesn't do well in school.
		14. Child who is restless or cannot sit still.
		15. Child who fights with other children.
		16. Child who rejects me.
		17. Child who is cruel or mean to others.
		18. Child who skips school.
		19. Child who cannot concentrate or cannot pay attention for long.
		20. Child who is very quiet and withdrawn.
		21. Child who wets the bed.
		22. Child who is sexually active.
		23. Child who uses drugs, alcohol or cigarettes.
		24. Child who sets fires.
		25. Child who swears or uses foul language.
		26. Child who is cruel to animals.
		27. Child who demands a lot of attention.
		28. Child who has sudden changes in mood or feelings.
		29. Child who doesn't get along with other children (Child has difficulty making/keeping friends.
		30. Child who feels worthless or inferior.
		31. Child who threatens to run away.
		32. Child who affiliates with gangs.
		33. Child who has a bad temper.
		34. Child who doesn't feel guilt after misbehaving.
		35. Child who imitates sexual acts.
		36. Child who has bad table manners.
		37. Child who is manipulative.
		38. Child who has poor hygiene.
		39. Child who is a juvenile sex offender.
		40. Child who is sexually reactive.
		41. Child who take medications.
		42. Child who is on probation or has court involvement.
		43. Child who has disrupted from adoptive/foster placement.
		44. Child who has resided in a psychiatric facility or a higher level of care.
		45. Child who is undocumented immigrant.

Many children in foster care have **special needs**. As you think about what kinds of children would be a good match for your family, it will help to think about what kinds of special needs you can handle. Below is a list of special needs that foster children might have. Please use the scale to indicate what kinds of special needs you are willing to deal with in a foster child.

Please rank according to this scale:
1 = Would not be willing to foster under any circumstances
2 = Might be willing to foster with a lot of help and support
3 = Probably be willing to foster with a little extra help and support
4 = Would be willing to foster without any extra help or support

Parent #1	Parent #2	
		1. Child or infant who is medically fragile (Medically complex).
		2. Child with HIV/Aids.
		3. Child with learning disabilities.
		4. Child with mental handicaps.
		5. Child with physical handicaps.
		6. Child who has been sexually abused.
		7. Child with allergies or asthma.
		8. Child with speech problems.
		9. Child with diabetes.
		10. Child with epilepsy.
		11. Infant who has been exposed to alcohol or drugs in vitro.
		12. Child who has been physically abused.
		13. Child who is pregnant.
		14. Child who has an eating disorder (anorexia, bulimia, binge eating).
		15. Child who is extremely overweight (obese).
		16. Child with attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD)/ADD).
		17. Child who has problems forming attachments.
		18. Child with Down's Syndrome.
		19. Child who is terminally ill.

Other things also can affect how well a child will fit into your family. Using the scale provided above, please indicate your willingness to foster the following types of foster children.

Parent #1	Parent #2	
		1. Infant (under 1 year old).
		2. Girl (1-5 years old).
		3. Boy (1-5 years old).
		4. Girl (6-12 years old).
		5. Boy (6-12 years old),
		6. Girl (13-18 years old).
		7. Boy (13-18 years old).
		8. Child who is LGBTQ or not sure.
		9. Child of a different race.
		10. Child of a different religion.
		11. Child of a different culture.

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Parent #1	Parent #2	
		EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS
		SPECIAL NEEDS
		CHILDREN UNDER 6
		CHILDREN 6 AND OLDER
		RACE, RELIGION, CULTURE, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION