

## **Policy: Selection Criteria**

*The purpose of this policy is to outline minimum requirement/qualifications of agency foster/adopt parents*

- Be a United States Citizen or US resident.
- Be At least 21 years of age if married and at least 25 years of age if single.
- If married having been so for one (1) year.
- If divorced or widowed having been so for one (1) year.
- Have a High School diploma or GED or demonstrate equivalent.
- Have no criminal Hx. violating state standards.
- Have no Hx of abuse or neglect.
- Have at least 40 sq. ft of space if child will be sharing a bedroom.
- Home/apartment equipped with heat and air conditioning.
- Have reliable transportation (own a vehicle).
- Available hospital or emergency services within 40 mile radius.
- Available public school services.