

Letter of Reference

Re:

I have received an application for adoption from the above named person/couple listing your name as a reference. Please write as a letter in their behalf and consider the questions below in your response. As well, **please date, sign and include a phone number where you can be contacted, if further information is needed.**

1. How long have you know the couple?
2. In what capacity do you know him/her/them?
3. How often do you see or talk to them?
4. Give a description of the relationship between the couple/person with significant others?
5. What do you perceive as the strengths and weaknesses of the individual/this couple?
6. How would you describe the interaction of this person/couple with children?
7. Do you in any way question their motives for desiring to adopt a child?
8. Do you feel that they have:
 - a. Capacity to provide for the physical and emotional needs of a child?
 - b. Capacity to permit and to help the child become an independent adult?
9. In your opinion, does the person/couple have the health and vitality necessary to meet the needs of a growing, developing child?
10. What is your recommendation regarding placing a child with this family?

Thank you for your help with this matter. Your response will be kept in strictest confidence.

Sincerely,

Cathy Chalmers, MA, LPC, NCC, LMFT