Our Commitment

We understand the complexities of placing children. We are highly committed to providing a home study that is developmentally focused, and can be used with confidence for making critical placement decisions for waiting children. We are fully licensed and credentialed in both Nebraska (LMHP) and Iowa (LISW), and are participating providers in all major insurance networks, including Medicaid. We are currently accepting referrals and welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our services.

To Make A Referral:

Please feel free to contact us at (402) 559-6413 to make a referral.

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**Purpose of the Program**

The Social Work Department at Munroe-Meyer Institute is contracting with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide home studies for prospective foster and adoptive families. Our family-centered home study service is a dependable resource focused on providing HHS with timely and comprehensive reports. We work along with caseworkers to build strong families for children through foster care and adoption.

**Program Process**

The process of assessing a family for foster care and adoption is critical in determining a family’s suitability to foster/adopt as well as identifying the type of child whose needs would be best met by that family. A home study is a critical component for a child’s caseworker to get to know a family and a family’s profile.

Our report represents a written reflection of the family and their lifestyle. The home studies that we provide will give caseworkers relevant and timely information. We believe this comprehensive knowledge is necessary to assist in matching the needs of particular children to the strengths, interests, and lifestyles of those corresponding families. We visit a prospective family a minimum of two times, and within 30 days have the completed home study to the referring caseworker.

**Our Home Studies Include:**

- Health status;
- Marital and family relationships;
- Applicant’s feelings about their own childhood, including any history of abuse and/or neglect;
- Opinions about discipline;
- Sensitivity about abused and neglected children;
- Sensitivity towards birth families;
- Sensitivity about different socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural groups in relation to the prospective family’s ability to maintain the ethnic identity of a child from a different background;
- Feelings about maintaining sibling relationships;
- Expectations of children in foster and adoptive care;
- Family’s ability to work with specific kinds of behavior and backgrounds;
- Assessing, with the family, which child characteristics will work best in their family;
- The ability to provide a safe and nurturing home;
- The caregiver’s problem-solving skills and capabilities;
- How the family handles crisis and change;
- Motivation for wanting to serve as a foster family or adopt.