

## QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CALLED WITH A PLACEMENT

**Overview:** Before accepting a child into your home, you want to make sure you have as much information about the child as possible in order to make an informed decision about whether or not they will be a good fit. Remember, BCDSS does not always have the answers to the questions below and the answers they have may be inaccurate, but they should be able to provide you with some information. **AT NO TIME SHOULD YOU FEEL FORCED OR ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE FORCED INTO ACCEPTING A PLACEMENT INTO YOUR HOME THAT YOU DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE ACCEPTING.** This could be detrimental to you and your family as well as the child who is being inappropriately placed.

1. What is the child's name and age?
2. Why is this child being placed?
3. Is this the first placement? New to the system?
4. What is the anticipated length of stay?
5. Where is the child coming from (home/hospital/another foster home)
6. Is there a history of violence, fire, drugs, theft?
7. What is the location of their current school?
8. Are there any medical issues?
9. Does the child have any religious affiliation?
10. Is the child vaccinated for COVID?