



HOME STUDY DO'S AND DON'TS

DO

Be yourself. Be authentic and true to who you are.

Answer the questions you are asked. If you don't know something, it's okay to say "I don't know" or "I haven't thought about that yet."

Be excited and enthusiastic!

Be prepared for each step of the process.

Complete the requirements in the timeframe that you have agreed to.

Be fully cooperative, even if you and your social worker don't 'hit it off.'

Make yourself available as needed.

Be forthcoming about sensitive situations, including criminal accusations.

Remember that this is to ensure that every child goes into a family that is ready to be parents.

DON'T

Try to be perfect or someone you aren't

Worry about providing the *right* answers to every question. Don't talk too much or try to explain everything.

Be rude, aloof, or suspicious.

Delay providing materials or information.

Hesitate to ask questions about requirements or documents needed.

Ask for a new social worker until you have tried to resolve any issues or concerns.

Put the interviews off. Get them done quickly.

Lie about anything. Ever. This could cause complete disqualification when it is discovered.

Feel as though you have to 'prove' yourself. This is a legal requirement that is required of all adoptions.