



Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Exception to be Approved as a Kinship Foster Home

All waivers must be approved prior to any placement of a child, including emergency placements, for individuals who have established relationships with the children/family. Waiver approval is to be documented on form [CS-0921, Waiver of Criminal Convictions, Pre and In-Service Training Requirements, Non-Safety Issues, CPS Substantiations and Educational Requirements.](#)

For specific program staff approval, refer to the *Waiver Form Instruction Grid*, found on the [instructions page](#) of [CS-0921](#).

In the event that a criminal background for an adult household member would exclude an individual to be approved as a Kinship Foster Home, but does allow them to be used as a non-custodial placement, below will be reviewed and signed by the placement with their understanding.

My signature below indicates:

1. The DCS worker has informed me that my home is not able to be approved as a foster home due to information obtained on my DCS/criminal background check. However, it has been approved for the child(ren) to stay in my home on a non-custodial basis.
2. Because of the information obtained on the DCS/criminal background check, in the event the child(ren) enter foster care, they will be moved from my home unless the person with the prohibiting background moves out of the home.
3. I will be solely responsible for the financial care of the child(ren) in my home and may apply for DHS state benefits or child support, and/or apply for [Relative Caregiver Program](#).
4. I will not be entitled to DCS foster care board payments for the child(ren) due to the criminal history.

Signature of proposed custodian/caregiver

Date

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Date

Signature of DCS staff

Date