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OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Section	1	General personal requirements (N.J.A.C. 10:122C-5.1)	

§10:122C-5.1 General personal requirements

(a) Level I general personal requirements are as follows:

1. The resource family parent shall be of good character, as evidenced by the application and home study process as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122C-2.1, and shall possess skills, attributes and characteristics conducive to and suitable for being a resource family parent and caring effectively for a child in placement.

2. The resource family parent shall be in sufficient physical, mental, and emotional health to perform his or her duties satisfactorily.

i. The resource family parent shall be free of serious contagious diseases that may put a child in placement at risk.

ii. The resource family parent shall refrain from abuse of drugs or alcohol.

3. The resource family parent shall demonstrate reasonable and mature attitudes towards professional figures and institutions, as determined by a review of references and an assessment of the resource family parent's interactions during training and home visits by the Department or contract agency representative.

i. The resource family parent shall cooperate with all activities in the case plan for the child in placement, such as counseling, therapy, court sessions, visits with the child's family or life skills programs to develop the basic skills needed to succeed in daily living, career planning, housing and money management, when appropriate.

ii. The resource family parent and each household member shall cooperate in all licensing activities as requested by the Department.

4. The resource family parent shall have sufficient income or other means of financial support prior to the placement of a child, so that the resource family parent is economically independent of board subsidy payments from the Department.

i. The resource family parent shall provide the necessities of life for his or her family.

ii. The resource family parent shall use all money received in the name of a child in placement for that child's care.

5. The resource family parent shall be able to provide daily care and supervision for each child in placement, as appropriate to the child's age and needs.

6. The resource family parent shall be able to provide sufficient time and attention to each child in placement without causing other family members' needs to go unmet or overburdening the resource family parent.

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