RFA DEFINITIONS

1. Comprehensive Assessment:

An evaluation of an applicant using the home environment assessment, background check, psychosocial assessment and any other factors set forth in the Written Directives for purposes of determining the applicant’s suitability as a Resource Family.

1. Permanency Assessment:

A component of the Resource Family Approval process which meets standards that include, but are not limited to, an applicant’s completion of the following: caregiver training, psychosocial assessment, and any other activities that relate to a resource family’s ability to achieve permanency with a child.

1. Psychosocial Assessment:

An in depth description and evaluation of the family system and dynamics that include strengths of a family and areas where more support or resources may be needed for more effective and quality parenting skills. It is one of the three required components of a psychosocial assessment.

1. Written Assessment (aka Family Study):

A summary, analysis, and determination of an applicant’s capacity to foster, adopt, or provide legal guardianship of a child or nonminor dependent based on all the information gathered through the Resource Family application and assessment processes.