

**Attention Relatives/ Non-Related Extended Family Members:
What is Needed for Your Home to Be Approved for Placement**

(1) An assessment of criminal history of all adults (18 years of age and older) in the home or with significant contact with the child(ren).

A CSW will ask you and other adults as stated above to "Live Scan". Further, the CSW will have to obtain what is known as a CACI clearance for all adults.

Live Scan: DCFS eliminated CII clearance and implemented as a requirement the use of the fingerprint identification system know as **Live-Scan**. As a policy, Live-Scan results are required to be obtained for every person age 18 or over living in the home and all other adults known by DCFS to have significant contact with a child prior to placement of the child in the home. Live-Scan equipment is maintained in almost every SPA office.

Child Abuse Index (Currently known as Child Abuse Central Index) CACI:

A state record of all child abuse complaints made in the state of California. A Child Abuse Index clearance is required for both the adoption home study and foster care licensing.

A CACI clearance must be completed before a child is placed in the home of his/her non-offending parent, a relative, a prospective legal guardian, an adoptive parent or placed in a home certified pending licensure, and is required on every adult and child who lives in the home in which the victim child may be placed.

(2) An assessment of the caregiver's qualifications.

You will be asked a series of questions, for example:

- Why do you want the child?
- How long have you known the child?
- Can you protect the child from their parents?
- Can you work with DCFS and the Court regarding specific recommendations including visits with parents; medical, dental, educational, and mental health follow ups for the child?

(3) An assessment of the home and grounds.

In the context of child placement, an evaluation of the home of a relative or non-licensed non-relative for placement purposes. The evaluation will determine whether the home is suitable, safe, and able to meet licensing standards. Part of the evaluation process includes an interview of all adults living in the home and required clearances.

(4) A review of children's personal rights with the caregiver and caregiver orientation.