

PRE-FINALIZATION SERVICES

Questions from Children

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Question	Didn't think of it	Some form of it	"On It"
1. I know you have had a lot of losses. Some adoptees said they thought it all was their fault. Have you ever thought you were responsible for them? (Addressing sense of guilt)			
2. Some kids who have come through foster care feel something is wrong with them. Have you ever felt that something was wrong with you because you were in foster care or are adopted? Would you talk to us about that? (Addressing sense of shame)			
3. Some adopted kids have said they are embarrassed for anyone to know they are adopted. Have you ever felt embarrassed that you are adopted or come from foster care? (Addressing sense of shame)			
4. Would you like to talk about what life was like before you came to us?			
5. Do you ever worry or have thoughts that you don't belong to our family or that we might "send you back?" When do you have those thoughts? (Addressing fear of rejection)			
6. How do you feel when we bring up the conversation around your birth family or your adoption?			
7. Are there times you need to talk about your birth family and past but are afraid to bring it up?			
8. Do you ever have difficult memories that you don't know what to do with?			
9. Are there things we say in public about your story and life that you wish we wouldn't say? Are there things you wish we would say?			
10. What are some things you wish we knew about you?			