

GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL REFERENCES

Here are some suggestions to use when writing a personal reference letter for an adoptive family.

Name and address of reference
Regarding: Name of adoptive family
Date:

Length of time knowing adoptive family.

How you know them and shared activities.

Your observances of the adoptive family with children.

Marital stability and strengths of the couple, if a married couple is adopting.

Their ability to meet and overcome trials and obstacles.

Your opinion of their plan to adopt.

Description of the home environment i.e.: cleanliness and room for a child.

What you have observed of the family's ability to afford a child.

Summary of personal character and standing in the community with possible examples.