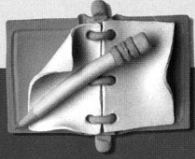


My Favorite Things




Hugs and kisses and someone to be there
Love, understanding, patience, and care
Something that would make me smile and sing
A permanent home would be my favorite thing.




To learn more about these and other waiting children with disabilities please contact the Texas Adoption Resource Exchange at 1-800-233-3405 or www.tdprs.state.tx.us.

Basic Requirements for Foster and Adoptive Parents

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- At least 21 years old
 - Financially self-sustaining
 - Married, single, divorced, or widowed
 - Attend training sessions with other prospective parents to learn about the children's needs and background
 - Consent to a criminal history and abuse-neglect background check
 - Participate in a home study

Some Additional Requirements for Foster Parents

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- Permit a fire and health inspection of your home
 - Vaccinate pets annually
 - Obtain and maintain CPR-First Aid certification
 - Have adequate sleeping space
 - Attend 20 hours or more of training each year
 - Get a TB test
 - Agree to a non-physical discipline policy

Facts on Children With Disabilities

Many children waiting for adoption have physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Examples of these disabilities include:

- Emotionally disturbed
- Infant alcohol and infant drug addiction
- Developmental delays
- Learning disabilities
- Mental retardation
- Health problems and medically fragile
- Hearing, speech, visual and mobility impairments

