

ASSESSING READINESS TO PARENT BY ADOPTION

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ACT

Facilitator's
Guide

*Tools for
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Activities

The purpose of this activity is to support participants in considering the potential assessment factors in working with prospective adoptive parents and determine what questions should be asked.

Instructions:

1. Direct participants to Activity Worksheet, “Assessing Readiness to Parent by Adoption.”
2. Divide class into groups of not less than three people per group, but no more than seven, and assign each group a vignette.
3. Ask each group to take 15 minutes to answer the questions listed at the end of each vignette.
4. Ask each group to take five minutes to report back to the class regarding their discussion.

Discussion Questions:

- What would it be like for you to be the one being assessed?
- What are your personal challenges when assessing families?
- What did you learn about yourself completing this exercise?

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