Dear prospective foster/adoptive parent:

Thank you for your interest in Onondaga County’s Foster Care & Adoption program. Enclosed you will find an application along with additional information on foster parenting and adoption. You may return the completed application to us via, fax: at 315-435-3865, mail or scan your entire application to gheindel@hillside.com or twalker@hillside.com

Onondaga County Foster Care

421 Montgomery Street

7th Floor

Syracuse, NY 13202

Attn: Patricia Connelly

Home Finding Supervisor

Upon receipt and review of your applications and self- assessment we will make a follow-up phone call where we will review the self-assessment and further discuss any criminal or family court history, medical/mental health treatment, & pets in the home. We will review your financial situation specifically your monthly household income and expenses. This is done to ensure that families are not experiencing stressors that would negatively impact children placed in their home.

We hold periodic information meetings for you to attend if you would like more information before you move forward in the training and certification process.

Please give us a call if you have any questions or would like to register for the information meeting at 315-435-3827.

Sincerely:

Foster/Adoptive Parent Intake Team

Onondaga County Department of Children & Family Services