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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: N/A

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The process to become foster certified must be streamlined to get more families involved. Families that are financially stable, have children they are providing good care for, and have good references should have a quick and comfortable path into the foster care system. They should be recruited and praised.

When more great families get involved in the system, then the recommendations and solutions will follow. It's unbelievable how many great people say that they "have fostering on their heart," but the process to become certified and the mess that the system is in prevents them from following through. We are fortunate to have worked with outstanding CPS people in the adoption of our five foster children, however, it's hard for us to recommend fostering to others because of the frustration and heartbreak we experienced navigating through the system.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree