1. **What is Lilliput Families?**
Lilliput Families is a private, non-profit agency licensed by the State of California to provide treatment foster care and adoption services.

2. **What is a Resource Family? How do you become one?**
Resource Family is the new term for a foster/adoptive family. The process, now called Resource Family Approval (RFA), includes Orientation, a Consultation meeting, completing the application process, and documentation of compliance with state regulations.

3. **Where are Orientations held?**
Orientations are held in Sacramento, South Sacramento, and Martinez.

4. **What are the advantages of being a Resource Family with Lilliput Families?**
We offer training through ongoing classes and parent groups. Our social workers provide support services in the home. There is one social worker for every 15 children. As a small agency, you are an integral part.

5. **Are there fees for Lilliput's services?**
Lilliput Families does not charge a fee for families in the foster/adoption program, RFA. There are also no fees for adoption placement or post-placement work. There are live scan fees that are $64 per person (this fee is non-refundable). Some costs, on a varying basis, are reimbursable upon finalization of adoption (i.e., actual rolling fees for finger printing/live scans and CPR/First Aid).

6. **What financial support does Lilliput Families provide?**
Depending on the child's age, monthly financial support based on LOC (level of care), determined by the state, while the child is in foster care (note: Monthly Foster Care payments are contingent upon State regulated rates and subject to change without notice). This is used to cover all the child's expenses except for medical expenses, which are covered by Medi-Cal.

   Once the child is adopted, families are eligible for the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) which provides financial assistance, including help with medical care, until the child is age 18.

7. **What are the requirements to be a Resource Family?**
The requirements, which are mandated by state regulations, intend to insure a child will be in a safe and nurturing environment. Anyone who can meet all these requirements and assessments will be approved. Among other requirements, you must have adequate bed space in your home, able to show proof you are financially sound, have a desire to provide permanency, and will comply with all agency and state policies.
8. **What is adequate bed space?**
Up to four children may share a bedroom and each must have his/her own bed. Children sharing over the age of eight (8) must be the same gender or are siblings.

9. **Do we have any choice regarding who gets placed in our home?**
Definitely! The decision to place a child is a joint decision. Your family, the child, and the social worker must all feel comfortable with the placement. Usually our social worker will call you when we receive a referral for a child who is a possible match for your family. You can then ask about the child(ren) to determine your interest. If you wish to proceed, pre-placement visits are held to allow you and the child to meet, followed by plans for placement if mutually agreed upon by all. With Emergency Placements, there are no visits and may occur with less initial information on the child(ren). **Normally, we do not place children who are within two (2) years of other children living in the home.**

10. **Do we treat a foster child just like our own children?**
Yes, with some exceptions. For example, state law prohibits corporal punishment being used on foster children and they also have the right to attend the church of their choice or not to attend, if they choose.

11. **May we be a Resource Family even if we both work?**
Certainly! As with everything else, we will work with you to determine a possible match that would best fit your lifestyle, as well as what is best for the child(ren).

12. **Can single persons qualify?**
Yes!

13. **Who are the children placed with Lilliput Resource Families?**
Children are referred to Lilliput Families from county social service agencies throughout California. Most of these children have been removed from their birth families due to abuse or neglect. Children in our program are primarily three (3) up to eighteen (18) years old. We encourage the placement of siblings within the same family. Children referred to our agency are in need of highly capable and nurturing families.

14. **Is there an age limit for an applicant?**
You must be at least 18 years of age and demonstrate the maturity to parent a child. If older, it is necessary you’re able to keep up with a normal, active child. A support network is invaluable for a Resource Family and a must.

If you have any further questions, please call us at (800) 325-5359 or email us at info@lilliput.org