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Study Title: Sibling relationships between foster children and biological children of foster parents: A multiperspectival interpretative phenomenological analysis.

Dear Foster Parents

I am a Ph.D. student conducting a study on the relationships between foster children and biological children of foster parents in the foster home. As a foster parent, you cared for your biological children as well as the foster children that came into your home. No doubt you observed the challenges and successes of both your foster and biological children, noticing when they got along and when they squabbled. In my research, I want to look at positive foster-biological child relationships to explore how and why they worked well.

To explore these relationships, I would like to interview foster children and biological children who have developed and maintained a relationship while in the foster home, and who are now 18 or older. If your biological and foster children seemed to develop a good relationship, I am asking you to share the attached information sheet with them to see if they are interested in participating in my study. If they are interested, please ask them to contact me directly at (780) 680-5787 or bjpratt@ualberta.ca. Your assistance is voluntary and appreciated.

The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. For questions regarding participant rights and ethical conduct of research, contact the Research Ethics Office at (780) 492-2615.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any further questions regarding this study, please contact me by phone or email as listed below.

Sincerely,

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