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Items obtained from the National Survey of Current and Former Foster Parents (DHHS, 1993) and LeProhn (1993)

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		2. I am single and want a child.
		3. I do not want to care for an infant.
		4. I want to adopt but cannot get a child or wanted to adopt but can't.
		5. I thought about adopting and thought foster parenting was a good way to start.
		6. I want a certain kind of child (e.g., a girl or a five-year old).
		7. I think a child might help my marriage.
		8. I want to have company for myself.
		9. I want to have company for my own child.
		10. I want a larger family.
		11. I want to provide a child with love.
		12. I want to be loved by a child.
		13. I want to provide a good home for a child.
		14. I had a child who died.
		15. I want to help a child with special problems.
		16. My own children were grown and I want children in the house.
		17. I want to provide a home so a child won't have to be put in an institution.
		18. I want a child to help with chores or work in family business.
		19. I want to have more money.
		20. I want to care for a child but did not want permanent responsibility.

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		22. I want to fill time.
		23. I know a foster child or a foster child's family and want to help.
		24. I am related to a child I want to foster.
		25. I was a foster child myself.
		26. I was abused or neglected myself.
		27. I want to care for a child, but do not want permanent responsibility.
		28. I want to help a child who was less fortunate.
		29. I want to provide a home for a child I knew.
		30. I want to fulfill my religious beliefs by caring for a child.
		31. I feel obligated to take a particular child.
		32. I am attached to a particular child.
		33. My spouse wants to be a foster parent, so I agree.
		34. Of the 33 items listed above, which one was the top reason you decided to foster. **Please enter the item number (1-33)** that corresponds to your top reason.