

441—200.11 (600) Reasons for denial. An individual or family shall be denied approval of an adoptive home study for one or more of the following reasons:

200.11(1) *Founded child abuse report.* A founded child abuse report shall mean denial of approval unless an evaluation determines that it does not merit denial.

200.11(2) *Criminal conviction.* A criminal conviction shall mean denial of approval unless an evaluation determines that it does not merit denial.

200.11(3) *Documented concerns.* Concerns may be documented in one or more of the following areas:

- a. Motivation to adopt.
- b. Child-rearing ability and practices.
- c. Emotional stability.
- d. Physical or mental health.
- e. Interpersonal relationships.
- f. Finances.
- g. Marital relationship.
- h. Other areas that may impact the applicant's ability to meet the needs of a child both at present and in the future.

200.11(4) *Substance abuse.* Verified substance use or abuse that prevents the family from adequately caring for the child shall mean denial of approval.

200.11(5) *Lack of cooperation.* If the individual or family fails to cooperate in providing the information needed to complete the preplacement assessment or home study, the application shall be denied.