



Foster Family Agency
"Our Children...
Our Communities...
Our Legacy..."

Foster parents have:

- The **RIGHT** to be treated with consideration and respect by agency staff
- The **RIGHT** to a supportive relationship with the agency
- The **RIGHT** to receive timely reimbursement for children placed in their care
- The **RIGHT** to receive training as members of the child's professional team
- The **RIGHT** to receive notice of and be present at all shared planning meetings
- The **RIGHT** to give input into decisions regarding the child in their care and to be treated as a valued member of the team in developing case plans for the child
- The **RIGHT** to a clear explanation or description of their role as foster parents and the role of the child's family and the agency
- The **RIGHT** to give and receive timely pertinent information about the child placed in their care
- The **RIGHT** to be informed of any grievance procedures or access to any appeals process should they wish to appeal the agency's policy, regulation, or plan for a child in their care
- The **RIGHT** to continue their own family patterns and traditions;
- The **RIGHT** to refuse to accept a child into their family if they feel they cannot meet the needs of the child or the placement may affect the well-being of the foster family
- The **RIGHT** to be notified of any Court Hearing or Administrative Review, concerning a child in their care
- The **RIGHT** to be present and heard in all court proceedings involving a dependent child in their care
- The **RIGHT** to submit a written Caregivers Report to the Court regarding the child in their care, for any Review Hearing or Permanency Planning Hearing
- The **RIGHT** to be included in the permanency consideration for the child who is in the foster family's care
- The **RIGHT & RESPONSIBILITY** to advocate for children in their care
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** for the day-to-day care and nurturance of the child
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** to inform the agency of any changes in the child's life and in the foster parent's household
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect a child's biological family, traditions, culture and values
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** to help a child placed in their care maintain regular and on-going contact with siblings not in the same placement
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** to gain further knowledge and expertise regarding the care of children by attending on-going foster parent training
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** to work cooperatively with agency staff as valued members of the child's team
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** to ensure a child's safety, health and well-being needs are met.

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