

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOSTER PARENTS**

1. Provide for the foster child food, shelter, personal care, recreational opportunities and maintenance of clothing.
2. Work cooperatively with the agency and child toward case plan goals such as reunification, visitation and therapy, etc.
3. Meet with worker every three-four weeks when a child is placed in your home or if the child is placed under a Difficulty of Care Contract, meet with worker every two weeks.
4. Provide for the foster child guidance, discipline, moral and/or religious instruction.
5. Give the foster child respect as a person and offer tender loving care which enhances a child's positive qualities.
6. Instruct the child in good health and hygiene habits.
7. Accompany the child to medical and dental appointments.
8. Keep accurate records on the child including medical, dental, visitation notes, life book information and any written material necessary to case planning.
9. Child's participation in community activities.
10. Investigate and encourage the development of the foster child's special talents.
11. Inform the worker of any special needs of the child, including educational, treatment, physical, etc.
12. Give the agency adequate notice (at least 30 days) when requesting the removal of a child from your home.
13. Report changes in your living arrangement or address to the agency.
14. Notify the worker and obtain permission prior to taking the foster child on trips of extended time and distance.
15. Notify the worker regarding extended child care arrangements.
16. Closely observe and document the foster child's behavior so that these can be clearly and specifically communicated to the worker.
17. Request regular consultation with the social work staff to discuss all issues regarding the

child and his family.

18. Attend all official case planning conferences and administrative case reviews to offer input regarding the child.

19. Engage the primary family of the child to encourage that relationships and facilitate reunification.

20. Encourage frequent visitation in the least restrictive environment, i.e. the child's home, relative home, the foster home, a neutral environment or last the agency office.

21. Respect the child's feelings regarding his parents.

22. Encourage the social worker's relationship with the child.

23. Inform the child that information he gives you may need to be shared with the worker, especially if the information could lead to harm to the child or others.

24. Respect final decision made by the court or the agency if they can be substantiated as in the best interest of the child.