



AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOSTER CARE PROVIDER AND PLACEMENT AGENCY

Foster Care Providers and the agency supervising an adult in foster care share responsibility for the care of that individual. In order to do this, both foster care providers and the agency must clearly understand not only what is expected of them, but also what they may expect of one another.

THE FOSTER CARE PROVIDER MAY EXPECT THE AGENCY TO: (case manager vs. placing worker)

1. Provide the foster care provider with a clear explanation of the respective roles of the agency, the provider and the client (PW)
2. Provide the provider with a clear explanation of the role of the licensing worker as contrasted with that of the worker for the adult in placement (PW)
3. Provide the provider with whatever guideline and policy materials utilized by the agency for its staff that may help them better understand the foster care program.(PW)
4. Help foster care providers make informed decisions before placement as to the suitability of their home for the particular individual by:
 - a. Providing any information about the client and their social supports that is pertinent to the provider's effective carrying out of their role. (CM)
 - b. Describing the behavior pattern, problem and need of the individual. (CM)
 - c. Describing the plan for the individual, including such things as the length of time he is likely to need placement and goals to be accomplished.(CM)
 - d. Assuring the foster care provider that their refusal to take a particular individual will not jeopardize either the continuance of their license or the consideration of their home for other individuals. (PW)
5. Inform the foster care providers of the agency's established rate scale. (PW)
6. Assure the every individual has a physical examination before placement or shortly thereafter in emergency situations. (PW)
7. Provide for the individuals medical and dental needs with clear instructions as to what is expected of the foster care providers, including what to do in an emergency and how billings are to be handled. (CM)
8. Provide the providers with a copy of the individual's recent medical history which includes such information as current diagnosis, significant illnesses, surgery, allergic reactions, or any particular medical or dental needs the individual may have. (CM)
9. Provide for the individuals medical needs through the utilization of the full range of community resources, such as psychological, psychiatric, special education and vocational training services. (CM)
10. Establish a plan for visits by the social worker to provide regular ongoing help to the foster care providers with any problems they may be experiencing in integrating the individual to their family. (CM)
11. Accept the right of the foster care provider to refuse to continue care for an individual whose needs they cannot meet, and remove the individual from the home within the 30 day termination period. (CM)
12. Discuss with the foster care provider the plan for termination of the placement. (CM)
13. Provide for an ongoing evaluation of the foster care home, in conjunction with the provider, both during the placement period as well as after the individual leaves. (CM)
14. Provide the foster care provider with opportunities, written or verbal, for evaluation of the agency practices based upon their own experiences. (PW)
15. Provide ongoing educational opportunities to foster care providers. (PW)
16. Describe the agency's policies regarding insurance coverage and explain the avenues for obtaining liability insurance.(PW)



THE AGENCY MAY EXPECT THE FOSTER CARE PROVIDER TO:

1. Recognize the need for the representatives of the Supervising Agency or of the Commissioner of Human Services to visit their home for the purpose of foster care planning, placement and supervision.
2. Accept individual only through the supervising agency or by a plan approved by the supervising agency.
3. Treat the individuals placed in their care as members of their family.
4. Acknowledge the meaning of change for the individual.
5. Make every effort to accept certain behavior of the individual as manifestations of separation and grieving.
6. Report to the supervising agency any possible plan to change address.
7. Report to the supervising agency any serious family illness and any serious illness or accident involving the individual.
8. Realize that corporal punishment is prohibited and use other constructive methods of discipline.
9. Report to the supervising agency any change in family membership.
10. Recognize that the supervising agency has the responsibility for making and carrying out the service plan for the individual.
11. Provide the agency with sufficient time (30 days if possible) for making an adequate plan if removal of the individual is desired.
12. Maintain continuous contact with the supervising agency regarding matters of significance to the adjustment and welfare of the individual as well as report behavior, problematic or otherwise, which would be helpful in serving the individual.
13. Assure that the individual and his information is kept confidential and discussed only with appropriate agency staff members and other professional persons designated by the agency.
14. Assure that the social worker and the individual have opportunities to be alone when indicated.
15. Participate in educational opportunities provided by the agency.
16. Make every effort to respect and increase their understanding of the religious, racial and cultural heritage of the individual.

We understand the policies and practices and our respective roles and we agree to carry out our responsibilities.

Foster Care Provider:	Date:
Social Worker:	Date:
Director of Supervising Agency:	Date: