

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOSTER PARENT AGREEMENT WITH AUTHORIZED AGENCY

Foster parent(s) agree(s) to comply with the following standards and conditions for the entire period of the certification/approval of the foster boarding home:

1. Enable children to mingle freely and on equal footing with other children in the household and in the community; to be accepted as members of the household and share in its pleasures and responsibilities; and to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard set forth in 18 NYCRR 441.25.
2. Arrange for children of school age to attend school regularly as required by the Education Law.
3. Never leave children under the age of 10 years alone without competent adult supervision; nor children above that age except as might reasonably be done by a prudent parent in the case of his or her own children.
4. Except as permitted by the agency, never use the foster home to care for more than two infants under two years of age, including the foster parents' own children, except in those cases where the foster parents have demonstrated the capacity to do so and a sibling group would otherwise have to be separated.
5. Provide children with sufficient nutritious, wholesome, and properly prepared food, served at regular hours. Foster children must be permitted to eat meals at the table in the same manner as other family members with due consideration to their age and special needs;
6. Keep the clothing of children provided by the agency, parent or foster parent in proper condition of repair and cleanliness; endeavor to provide children with a sufficient quantity of clothing, adapted to seasonal conditions, and of such style and quality as not to distinguish them from other children in the community.
7. Provide for each child at board sufficient individual toilet articles and towels, suitable to the child's age and gender, and individual drawer and closet space.
8. Provide a suitable, well-lighted place for children of school age for home study.
9. Recognize and respect the religious wishes of the natural parents of the children in care and endeavor to protect and preserve their religious faith.
10. Endeavor to cooperate with the agency staff in the implementation or review of each child's service or discharge plan and to inform the agency of any incident or event that affects or may affect the child's adjustment, health, safety or well-being and/or may have some bearing upon the current service plan.
11. Provide a family atmosphere of acceptance, kindness and understanding and endeavor to give each child the support, attention and recognition that facilitates adjustment to the home and that promotes the child's normal development.
12. Permit an authorized representative of the agency to enter the home to investigate in good faith a formal complaint regarding care of the foster child.

Inform the agency of any changes in marital status, family composition, or number of persons residing in the home and any changes in the physical facilities comprising the foster home.

13. Agree to cooperate in facilitating regular biweekly visitation or communication between minor siblings or half-siblings who have been placed apart, unless as determined by the agency such contact would be contrary to the health, safety or welfare of one or more of the children or unless the lack of geographic proximity excludes visitation.

14. Agree only to redisclose confidential HIV-related information concerning the foster child to persons or entities other than those set forth in article 27-F of the Public Health Law for the purpose of providing care, treatment, or supervision of the foster child boarded out or placed with the foster parent or upon specific written authorization signed by the commissioner of the social services district or the commissioner's designated representative in accordance with section 2782 of the Public Health Law. Where confidential HIV-related information is disclosed, the following written statement must accompany it:

"This information has been disclosed to you from confidential records which are protected by state law. State law prohibits you from making any further disclosure of HIV-related information without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by law. Any unauthorized further disclosure in violation of state law may result in a fine or jail sentence or both. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is not sufficient authorization for further disclosure."

The terms AIDS, HIV-related test, HIV-related illness, HIV infection, and confidential HIV-related information are defined in 18 NYCRR 360-8.1.

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