



Welcome Home!!!

Checklist Completed by Foster Parent

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This is a checklist of things to cover with a child newly placed in your home. Many of the things on this list may seem common sense or strange to cover. However, all families have different expectations and rules, so this will help your foster child to know about your home and you to get to know him/her. You can adjust this according to the age and developmental level of the foster child.

- Introduce all Family members
- Give a tour of the home pointing out living room, bathrooms and common areas
- Show his/her room & bathroom
 - Point out his/her closet & drawer space for belongings (helping unpack will give you a chance to talk, do the clothing inventory, etc.)
- Go over your Fire Evacuation Plan and Post it in Child's Room
- Write down your address and phone number, if age appropriate
 - Go over appropriate use of your address and phone number (who to give it to, etc.)
- Establish appropriate ways to address each other.
 - How does he/she want you to introduce him/her in the community (relative, friend, etc.)?

- What can he/she call the foster parent(s) (Mr. & Mrs. ____, first names, Mom, Dad)

- Discuss tomorrow.
 - Where will child go tomorrow? (stay at foster home, school, daycare, court, Occasional Care Provider's home)

- Who will take him/her and who will pick him/her up?

- Discuss School.
 - Where will child most likely go to school and will he/she take the bus?

- Get to know child by asking questions:



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- Favorite color _____
- Favorite food _____
- Favorite movie/TV show/cartoon

- Favorite toy/game

- Favorite sport _____
- What are the child's hobbies? (drawing, playing sports, reading, singing, playing a musical instrument, video games, etc.)

- Point out that Foster Parent(s) (and other appropriate adult household members) are the only ones that set and enforce House Rules.
- Establish Safe Touch Contract: Every family member should be included every time a new placement comes into the home.**
- Cover Household Rules and Responsibilities/Establish Daily Routine (After you have established the routine, post a copy in the child's room.)
 - What are the TV rules (When and what can be watched)?

- What are the Computer rules (When can it be used, for what purpose, how long each day, what types of sites are not allowed)?



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- What are the phone rules (Who can answer and make calls, do calls need to be supervised, etc.)?

- What are the child's chores? How often are they to be done?

- School-aged children should receive spending money for their own use. What will the child's allowance be? (5-10 years old at least \$10 monthly and 13 and older at least \$30 monthly).

- Where do dirty clothes belong? Who will do the child's laundry and when? (foster parent or child)

- What are the rules about feeding, petting and playing with the pet(s)?

- What are the rules about eating and snacks? (Set meal times? Food only in certain rooms in the house? When and how many snacks are allowed? Does the child need to ask for a drink or snack or help self? Who does the child ask/tell if he/she is hungry?)

- What do I do if I...



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- Am Scared _____

- Am Sick or Feel Sick _____

- Wet the bed _____

- Can't sleep _____

- Need something during the night _____

Together we have covered the information in the Welcome Home Checklist.

Foster Parent Signature

Date

Foster Child Signature

Date