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FAMILY SERVICES

White's Family Services

Foster Parent Agreement

Whereas, it is the mission of White's Family Services to bring hope and healing into the lives of children and families, and,

White's purpose is to minister to the needs of children and families by connecting children and their families with, and maintaining children and their families in, therapeutic relationships, this purpose being implemented by teamwork and routinely going the extra mile,

Therefore, _____, Licensed Foster Parent(s), and White's mutually agree, each in consideration of the promises of the other, to the following:

A. White's agrees:

- 1) To pay the foster parents at the current per diem rate, as stated annually to foster parents, and to assure that such payments are made promptly and regularly so long as White's has legal authority to make such payments
- 2) To assist in meeting the initial clothing needs of each child in the foster home within two weeks of placement
- 3) To obtain and have on file written permission for regular medical treatment (foster parents should never sign for any elective treatment or surgery)
- 4) To share with foster parents such information about the child, including background, placement planning, and visitation rights of the birth family, that will help the foster family to meet the child's needs and not to require the foster parents to accept a child if, in their opinion, it would not be in the best interests of the child or the foster family
- 5) To provide known medical history at the time of placement; and to substantiate when the last physical examination was given to the child before placement in foster care, if such information is accessible
- 6) To provide professional support services, including a first contact within one week after placement and no less than twice monthly thereafter to assist the foster parents in providing for the child's physical and emotional needs; and to give the foster parents a phone number through which they can contact the family specialist, the family specialist's supervisor, or other designated representatives of White's on a 24-hour basis
- 7) To provide an explanation for removing a child from the foster home; to provide an opportunity for foster parents to help prepare the child for separation; and to provide at least three days notice before removing any child who has been in the foster home for more than one month, unless the removal is required by a court order, by an emergency, or because of suspected neglect or abuse
- 8) After receiving sufficient notice from foster parents (two weeks) of the need to remove a child from their home, White's shall arrange for removal of the child within a mutually agreed upon time, that meets the need of the foster home, the child, and the involved agencies
- 9) To maintain, on a yearly basis, the quality of the foster home by providing an active and regular program of not less than twenty (20) hours of foster parent training and evaluation of the foster home to assure compliance with licensing standards
- 10) To explain fully to foster parents any changes in their license or reasons why a license is revoked or not renewed

licensed and kept in accordance with the standards of the Family and Children standards, and that they will comply with the provisions

- 2) That while licensed by Whites, the foster parents will not accept children from any agency, court, or person without prior permission of Whites
- 3) To actively obtain a minimum of twenty (20) hours of professional training required by Whites, who will provide consistent training sessions
- 4) To immediately notify Whites of changes in their family composition, plans to move, and plans for out-of-state travel
- 5) To admit representatives of Whites into the home whenever a situation requires their presence and to cooperate with Whites monitoring program for the maintenance of foster home quality and the treatment plan for the child
- 6) To transport my foster child to/from local doctor appointments, counseling appointments, birth family visitation, school functions, work, ect.

Concerning the Foster Child:

- 1) To immediately notify Whites of any serious illness, hospitalization, or accident of a foster child or of a member of the foster home family
- 2) To have a plan acceptable to Whites for the provision of care and supervision for the child; care by a competent, responsible adult at least 21 years old is expected when considering care when foster parents may be absent, with an exception to that occurring when approved by the treatment team
- 3) To respect the confidentiality of information concerning the child and his/her family's physical and mental condition, social background, and past and present problems, and to share this information only with appropriate persons specifically authorized by Whites
- 4) To cooperate with Whites in the treatment plan including medical, dental, psychological, and psychiatric treatment for each child, and to share all information about the child, which might be significant to continued planning
- 5) That all contact with the birth parents, Department of Child Services, Probation, or Department of Correction workers is the responsibility of Whites, unless an exception is made with the foster parent by Whites
- 6) Not to use any form of corporal punishment including spanking, hitting, slapping, deprivation of appropriate environmental conditions, i.e., heating/cooling; not to use other forms of prohibited punishment, such as personal humiliation, withholding food, rest or toilet use, or washing the mouth out with soap; and, not to use unreasonable discipline, such as prolonged grounding, sustained sitting in a chair, or excessive sentence writing
- 7) To enable foster children to mingle freely and on equal footing with other children in the household and in the community and to be accepted as a member of the household and share in its pleasures and responsibilities
- 8) To provide a family atmosphere of acceptance, kindness, and understanding; to endeavor to give each child support, attention, and recognition that, in a therapeutic way, promotes the child's normal development
- 9) To attend church regularly and involve the child in appropriate church activities; and to provide Christian testimony as is the philosophy of Whites in providing for the child's spiritual needs
- 10) CONFIDENTIALITY is vitally important. I (we) will refrain from discussing any issues concerning the foster child (his/her family) with anyone outside the agency. The child's feelings shall be paramount in family discussions.



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procedures of Whites foster care program and foster parent
its immediately to Whites
through providing allowance, replacement clothing, and other
payment for the child

natural values in relationships including honoring God, being
blameless, accountable, trustworthy and honest; displaying patience, self-discipline,
respect, sincerity, a work ethic, and maintaining a good reputation in the community

- 4) To spare the child from exposure to violence (verbal, physical, or visual) or pornography; and to set standards on entertainment (videos, movie attendance, television, computer games, Internet access and use, etc.)
- 5) To refrain from the use of alcohol in the presence of the foster child; to refrain from the violation of alcohol laws; to refrain from use or possession of illegal or controlled substances, to refrain from discussions of personal sexual and marital issues, past illegal or immoral behavior, or financial or other adult matters; to refrain from use of improper language including profanity and cursing; and to refrain from extra-marital conduct.

Foster Father

Date

Foster Mother

Date

Whites Resource Family Developer

Date