

Plan For Care

Completion of this form, and the Background Information form constitutes the required plan for supervision of children and operation of a foster home.

SUPERVISION

How will you ensure children in your care are adequately supervised?

Who is your backup emergency caregiver in the event of an emergency?

Who will you use as a baby-sitter?

If working, what childcare arrangements do you have?

Please describe the qualifications of your emergency backup, baby-sitter, and/or childcare provider.

How will you support the religious, ethnic, cultural heritage and language of a foster child's family?

How will you assist a child with different practices than your family's to attend their own religious or cultural events?

If you plan to accept a child/ren with significant medical needs, how will you ensure licensed medical personnel are available to perform the prescribed services?

What precautions will you take to ensure children in your care are adequately safe with pets/animals?

INFANT/TODDLERS

If you are licensed or approved to care for infants and toddlers, who is the primary caregiver?

Describe the primary caregiver's contacts with infants/toddlers.

If currently caring for infant/toddler, describe your activities and interactions with the infant/toddler in your care (i.e.: discovery play, quiet activities, motor development).

YOUNG CHILDREN

If you are licensed or approved to care for young children (through 8 years old), what opportunities will you provide to ensure individual self expression and imaginative play, vigorous daily physical activity, intellectual and social development, and opportunities to foster independence?

What materials, toys and equipment do you have for young children?

REDUCING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE

Describe precautions you take to reduce the spread of disease. (i.e., hand washing, using paper cups in bathroom, etc.)

What precautions do you take with blood and/or bodily fluids?

FIREARM SAFETY PLAN

Do you plan to allow a child in your care to handle a firearm? No Yes

Before a foster home allows a child in care to handle a firearm, the home must request the child's placement worker to obtain advance permission from the child's parents, or OCS if parental rights have been terminated.

Do you have permission from the child's parent or OCS as appropriate? No Yes

If yes, from whom: _____ Date: _____

If you plan to allow a child in care to handle a firearm, please explain the firearm safety instruction approach that will be used.

Note: If your firearm safety plan changes or you have secured permission, please submit a revised Plan For Care within 30 days.

SECOND HAND SMOKE REDUCTION

If anyone living in your home or visitors are allowed to smoke in your car or home, please complete this form. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued a national warning that exposure to tobacco smoke in the environment (secondhand smoke) presents a serious public health risk. Please tell us your plan to reduce the effects of secondhand smoke on children in your care.

Specifically, where are people allowed to smoke in your home?

Child foster home regulations and safety practice do **not** permit smoking inside of the home unless it is in a well-ventilated area away from the immediate living area, **and** the home does not smell of cigarette smoke or other smoking products. What will you do to be sure everyone in your home follows these guidelines?

If anyone in your home smokes inside of the house, what do you do to protect the children from the effects of second hand smoke? (i.e., smoke in an entry way or garage, smoke only in a designated room of the house that is well ventilated.)

Child foster home regulations and safety practice do not permit smoking in any vehicle used to transport children. What will you do to be sure the vehicle is smoke-free?

Note: Foster children are **not** allowed to smoke. A foster parent's supervision must adequately ensure that a foster child in their care does not smoke.