

Plan For Care

Completion of this form, and the Background Information Foster Parent 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?

In the event of an emergency, who is your backup emergency caregiver?

Who will you use as a regular baby-sitter?

If working, what childcare arrangements do you have?

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

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

How will you assist a child with different practices than your families, to attend their 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 prescribed services?

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

INFANT/TODDLERS (ages 0-3)

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 (ages 4-9)

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

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

SECOND HAND SMOKE REDUCTION

The Centers for Disease Control reports, "Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, acute respiratory infections, middle ear disease, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, and slowed lung growth." If anyone in your household smokes, whether tobacco, marijuana, e-cigarettes, or any other substance, please describe all use here by answering the following questions.

Do you or any household members smoke?

What substances are smoked?

Please explain your plan to reduce the effects of secondhand smoke on children in your care.

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?

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.