



WORKING TOGETHER  
**FOR ALASKA'S**  
**CHILDREN** in care



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 **RESOURCE FAMILY BILL OF RIGHTS**  
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## RESPECT

Resource families can expect to be **treated with respect** when interacting with staff of the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services and be included in discussions about the child prior to case planning, administrative reviews, TDMs and court hearings. [CPS 1.3](#)

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## OPTIONS

Resource parents **have the right to decide whether to accept placement of a child** into their foster home. Resource parents have the right to set a limit to the number of children that can be placed in their foster home within legal and licensing capacity. [CPS 3.5, AS 47.14.100](#)

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## INFORMATION

Resource parents have a right to **receive known information on each child** who is to be placed in the foster home including educational, medical and behavioral information including the strengths and needs of the child. [CPS 3.5, AS 47.14.100](#)

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## PRIVACY

Resource families have the right to **work with the caseworker on how family contact will be maintained** in the home. Resource families will make the decision on what contact information will be provided to the parents/caregivers and the decision to allow birth family visits in the home. [CPS 6.5.6](#)

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## FAIR HEARING

Resource parents have the right to a **fair hearing on licensure actions** on their home including access to an appeal process if given a plan of correction or if a license is revoked. Resource families have a right to include a written response to a completed investigation despite the outcome to be included in the foster care licensing file. [CPS 1.16, AS 47.10.098](#)

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## NOTICE

Resource parents have a right to have **notice of a placement change of a child** in their home under non-emergency conditions and have a right to challenge a placement change under non-emergency conditions. [CPS 2.11, 1.16, AS 47.10.098](#)

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## RELIGION

Resource parents have a right to **practice their religion and spiritual practices** in their home as long as the religious and spiritual practices of the child's birth family are also respected. [CPS 6.5.4, AAC 50.430](#)

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## INVOLVEMENT

Resource families have a right to **receive notice of court hearings** involving a child placed in their home. [CPS 6.6.3, AS 47.10.030](#)

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## COMMUNICATION

Resource families can **expect regular visits from the child's caseworker** to exchange information, plan together, and discuss any concerns about the child. [CPS 3.2.1](#)

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## PERMISSIONS

Resource families have the right to **sign for permissions for every day events** (as long as they don't go against regulations or statute) using a reasonable and prudent parent standard to decide based on the child's age and developmental level about child and youth participation in cultural, extra-curricular, social, and enrichment activities. [CPS 6.5.4, AAC 50.415](#)

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## GRIEVANCE

Resource families have the right to **use the grievance procedure** established by the Office of Children's Services to make their concerns known without the fear of reprisal. [CPS 1.16 AS 47.10.098](#)

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## DISCLOSURE

Resource families moving towards adoption of a foster child have the right to **full disclosure information** regarding the child before the finalization of the child's adoption. [CPS 3.15.5](#)

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## PLACEMENT

Resource families have the right to **request a change in placement of a child** from their home and are required to provide OCS with reasonable advance notice of the requested change. [CPS 3.7.1, AAC50.340](#)