

- Foster parents should maintain a file with phone numbers of each child's Family Care Manager, the emergency (non-working hours) numbers and emergency medical numbers.
- If a child runs away, foster parents should give the child a reasonable amount of time to return on their own accord based on the age of the child. The foster parent should then call the local sheriff or police authority to make a report. The Family Care Manager should also be contacted immediately. Unless the child is threatening the caregiver or other children in the home, the expectation is that the child will be returned to the home when picked up by law enforcement.
- Foster parents must ensure that routine medical care is sought for every child. Family Care Managers should be routinely updated regarding the child's medical status. In the event of an emergency, the child's health and well being are first priority. The foster parent should not stop to call the Family Care Manager until the necessary care is obtained.
- On an annual basis, all foster parents will be required to complete a Disaster Plan that outlines where they will go in the event they have to evacuate to include names and phone numbers for emergency contacts. In the event that a foster parent has to evacuate their home, the top priority is getting the family to a safe and secure location. The foster parent should not stop to call the Family Care Manager until he/she is in a safe location.