

Foster parents are expected to communicate with their Licensing Specialist regarding all changes in household composition (i.e. a new member moving into the home or an existing member moving out of the home regardless of whether the moves are on a temporary or permanent basis or a marriage or divorce), plans to relocate, any involvement with law enforcement or contact from a Protective Investigator regarding an abuse report. Whenever possible, the Licensing Specialist should be made aware of these changes PRIOR to occurrence. When this isn't possible, communication with the Licensing Specialist should occur immediately afterwards.

Foster parents are expected to transport children to and from all activities and appointments whenever possible. If a foster parent is unable to transport for any reason, the responsibility for transportation should be negotiated with the Family Care Manager.

Foster parents are expected to provide recreational activities for the foster children placed in their home and to encourage their involvement in extra-curricular activities as they would with their own children and to include them in all family activities.

Foster parents are expected to maintain open lines of communication with all professionals involved with the children and with the Licensing and Placement Departments. All staff members are required to return phone calls within 24 hours and this same courtesy should be extended from the foster parents to the staff. Communication is vital in order to build and sustain a successful working relationship.

All personal items acquired by the child while living in the foster home must be sent with the child when he/she leaves.