

The First 30 Days of Placement A Foster Parent Will:



- Ask the social worker to review with you a brief description of the child, abuse history, why the child is in care, and any behavior, safety, or health concerns
- Call reception at _____ if you do not know the assigned social worker for the child.
- Leave voice mails and/or emails that state name of child, foster parent, and information needed to share with the social worker. Indicate if a response is needed.
- If the social worker is unavailable, there is a social worker of the day, or supervisor, who you may contact to discuss concerns.
- Discuss school, medical providers, visitation, and clothing vouchers
- Obtain a medical coupon and Placement referrals for the foster child directly from the social worker, placement coordinator or through the mail.
- Expect a call within the first week from the social worker.
- Expect a call for a possible **Family Team Decision** staffing.
- Set up daycare if needed due to employment
- Set up a complete physical for child the first 30 days; also if the child is 0 – 3 a DCFS social worker will screen the child for a developmental assessment.
- Check with the social worker to see if child will remain in their current school.
- Social workers will set up visitation and you are NOT expected to supervise them or give out your phone #.
- Recognize children will be in transition and we expect behaviors and acting out
- Bear in mind that in many cases the child's behaviors move through a honeymoon period and become more difficult until they feel secure in their placement.
- Realize if you are having a difficult time, you can call your licenser, social worker, the foster parent liaison, the foster parent 800 301 1868 support line, the unit supervisor, other foster parents or your placement coordinator, _____.
- Be aware the social worker, and CASA will visit the child in the home
- Check their car seat for installation and proper fitting
- Remember to connect with other experienced foster parents and call them for support