

## **Social Network Guidelines**

The following is posted on the <http://www.fpaws.org/> state foster parent site as received from the Children's HQ Staff in response to the last statewide HB 1624 meeting. Headquarters and DLR has provided some guidance for the field to use in helping foster parents and other caregivers on the usage of Facebook and posting of pictures.

Foster parents can post family pictures on social networking sites that include foster children, if the following conditions are met:

- There are no safety issues related to the child specifically by the social worker (e.g. for safety reasons, the child's family cannot know where the child is placed)
- The children are not identified by name
- The children are not identified as foster children
- There is no discussion on the social networking sites about case specific information about the child or the child's family.

*\*There will be some policy work done to clarify this issue for social workers and foster parents.*