

Foster Care Services: Appendix N

Appendix N-3

DFCS FOSTER PARENT CHILD SAFETY AGREEMENT

This form contains information about the safety of the children placed in your care by DFCS. Your initials and signature indicate your acknowledgement that the agency has reviewed with you the safety requirements outlined in this form and that you are in agreement with the safety requirements for foster homes as stated below.

Animal Safety-As children are the primary victims of animal bites, (I/we) agree to comply with the following mandates listed below to assure the safety of any child placed in (my/our) home:

- Provide close supervision of children when around animals.
- Refrain from keeping dangerous or aggressive dogs, or other pets, in the home, unless properly secured with a leash, fence or cage, etc. (as discussed in the Foster Parent Manual)
- Notify DFCS immediately if any dog attacks a child placed in your home.
- Carefully review the section on Animal Safety in the Foster Parent Manual (Rev. 2001)

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Gun Safety-Firearms take the lives of thousands of children each year. To prevent the accidental death of any child placed in (my/our) home, (I/we) agree to the following mandates:

- Inform DFCS of the presence of firearms in (my/our) home, now or at any time in the future.
- Secure all firearms in (my/our) home, using one of the commercial brand safety locks available for this purpose, or under lock and key.
- Keep all firearms unloaded and out of the view and reach of children in the home.
- Never allow children placed in the home to handle guns.
- Carefully review the section on Gun Safety in the Foster Parent Manual (Rev. 2001)

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Motor Vehicle Safety- Motor vehicle accidents are the leading causes of death for children of all races, ages 5-14, according to national statistics. To ensure the safety of children placed in (my/our) care, (I/we) agree to adhere to the following safety precautions while riding or driving motorized vehicles:

- Secure children 4 years of age and under in a federally approved child safety restraint seat, that is properly installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Secure children over 4 years of age in the rear seat of the vehicle with federally approved and properly installed safety seat belts.
- Refrain from transporting children/youth under 18 years of age in the bed of a pickup truck at any time. Children must always be properly secured with safety seat belts.
- Consult with the Case Manager prior to allowing a child to ride as a passenger or driver on any of the following: automobile (as driver only); motorcycle; motorbike; all terrain vehicles; small, high-speed water craft and other similarly motorized vehicles.
- Carefully review and abide by motor vehicle safety requirements outlined in the Foster Parent Manual, (Rev. 2001).

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Supervision- Children in care are required to be supervised by appropriate adult caretakers at all times. In keeping with this requirement, (I/we) agree to adhere to the following:

- Provide appropriate adult supervision for the children in my care at all times.
- Refrain from leaving children placed in my care in the supervision of minors.
- Refrain from leaving children unattended in a motor vehicle.
- Refrain from leaving children in the care of unauthorized adult caretakers. Any substitute caretaker should have the agency's approval.
- Obtain approval from the agency prior to leaving older children unsupervised.
- Carefully review and abide by the supervision requirements outline in the Foster Care Manual.

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