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FOSTER/RESOURCE PARENT AGREEMENT

Twin Pines Family Services Foster Parents Agree:

1. To maintain certification, and take foster children, only through Twin Pines Family Services.
2. To maintain confidence, in a professional manner, any information about all foster children placed in their homes.
3. To work cooperatively with the agency, and abide by the regulations of the agency, county and DPW licensing rules and regulations regarding foster care.
4. To communicate any/all questions, concerns, and grievances to Twin Pines Family Services staff for resolution. The foster parent should follow the client grievance policy regarding resolution of any concerns. Communication of concerns and grievances to any other provider is inappropriate and should be handled internally at Twin Pines Family Services.
5. To allow agency staff to visit their home at any reasonable time and to acknowledge that their foster home is operated on a 24 hour basis.
6. To provide for the day-to-day needs of the foster child, including provision of housing, clothing, food, allowance (when applicable); health care – medical, dental, and eye exams as required according to age, as well as necessary medical visits and therapy (as required); and general supervision, security, and guidance.
7. To give the agency a thirty (30) day notice, in written form, when they decide to have a foster child removed from their home; except in cases of emergency or direct need when such a notice is not feasible. The notice will be effective from the date that it is received by TPFS.
8. To complete and/or give to Twin Pines Family Services staff documentation regarding medical, vision and dental care, therapy, and educational progress and activities. The foster parent shall inform the agency of any significant changes in these areas.
9. To perform basic functions for the foster child that are considered to be normal parental duties by the customary traditional and laws of general society.
10. To enroll the foster child in school (when applicable) in a timely manner.
11. To have a physical exam done for every household member 18 years and older prior to certification and every two (2) years thereafter.
12. To have a competent adult (minimum age 18) in charge of the foster children at all times with the reasonable and commonsense boundaries set up by the customs and laws of general society.
13. To keep current all pet inoculations as necessary. (if applicable)
14. To promptly notify the agency of any special incidents or changes of family or life circumstances. The foster parents must review their plan for the incident or change of circumstances with the agency and to obtain the agency's consent of the plan, prior to its implementation.
15. To immediately seek medical care in the event of serious illness or injury of the foster child in their care. Twin Pines Family Services must be informed immediately when this occurs.
16. To report any health problems or hospitalizations for themselves to the agency promptly. In the event of a planned hospitalization, the agency must be given at least two-week notice and the plan for caring for any foster children in the home must be discussed and approved by the agency.

17. To promptly report any absences from the home (curfew, runaway, return from runaway, etc...) to the agency.
18. To report any time the foster parent will be absent from the home and to obtain agency approval for the care of the foster children during the foster parent's absence(s).
19. To advise the agency of any out-of-town trips or vacations, with or without the foster children.
20. To report any special incidents or changes in circumstances promptly to the agency. This may include school suspensions, difficulties in the community, difficulty with the law, special medical care, runaway, changes in household composition, employment changes, moving to a new address, or any other significant occurrence.
21. To transport foster children to medical/dental and all other appointments related to the foster children.
22. To obtain a minimum of 12 hours of relevant training every year, from the date of re-certification to the date of re-certification. If a foster parent is not current with training hours, placement of children in the home will be delayed until the parent is up-to-date with their training hours.
23. To refrain from the use of corporal punishment, as well as verbal abuse and derogatory remarks concerning the foster child or his/her family.
24. To be prepared for emergency intakes by having appropriate clothing, hygiene items, and a bed(s) available for the foster child(ren).

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS AND SHALL COMPLY WITH THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR FAMILY FOSTER CARE HOMES AND THE AGENCY REQUIREMENTS. I DO THEREBY UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS IS CAUSE FOR CHILDREN NOT TO BE PLACED IN MY HOME, OR FOR CHILDREN TO BE REMOVED FROM MY HOME.

Resource Parent: _____ Date: _____

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Agency Representative: _____ Date: _____