

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOSTER PARENTS AND PLACEMENT AGENCY

Foster Parents and the agency supervising a child in foster care share responsibility for the care of that child and meeting the standards and carrying out the policies set by the Reservation Tribal Council. In order to do this foster parents and the agency must clearly understand not only what is expected of them, but also what they may expect of one another.

THE FOSTER PARENT MAY EXPECT TO:

1. Provide the foster parent with an explanation of the respective roles of the county agency, tribal agency, foster parents and the natural parents.
2. Provide the foster parents with standards to help them better understand the foster care program.
3. Help the foster parents make an informed decision before placement as the suitability of their home for the particular child by:
 - Provided any information about the child and his/her family that is pertinent to the foster parent being affective in carrying out their role;
 - Describing the behavior patterns, problems and needs of the child;
 - Describing the plan for the child, including such things as the length of time he or she is likely to need placement and goals to be accomplished;
 - Assure the foster parent that their refusal to take a particular child will not jeopardize the continuance of their license or the consideration of their home for other children.
4. Inform the foster parents of the county agency's established rate scale.
5. Provided the foster parent with information regarding the child's medical needs.
6. Provide the foster parent with medical assistance number and any other information as needed.
7. Work with the county, foster parents and the child's family to establish a visitation plan.
8. Describe the agency's policies **in** regard to insurance coverage and explain the avenues for obtaining liability insurance.
9. Provide ongoing educational opportunities to foster parents.
10. Provide the foster parents with opportunities, to evaluate the agency's practices.

The Agency May Expect The Foster Parent To:

1. Respect the individual roles of the county agency, tribal agency, and natural parents not to exceed your role as a foster parent.
2. Respect the rights of the natural parents and to maintain the up most confidentiality.
3. Respect the foster children's spiritual beliefs and background.
4. Keep child/children involved with cultural practices (pow-wows, ceremonies and language)
5. Keeping child/children close to there communities & villages.
6. Read and understand the agency's standards and to ask for clarification when needed.
7. Make an informed decision before a child is placed in their home and to ask the agency to clarify any areas of concern.
8. Keep track of and to medical appointments as needed.
9. Keep track of behavioral concerns and to report them to agency as needed.
10. Work with the county agency, tribal agency and natural parents in a visitation plan.
11. Have acceptable insurance coverage for their home and personal auto.
12. Participate in ongoing education.
13. Be able to self-evaluate, constructively criticize the agency and to accept constructive criticism by the agency.
14. Accept decisions on change of placement by the agency.

Foster Parent signature

Date

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Date

Confidentiality Form for Foster Care or Shelter Care Providers

I understand, by signing below, there is a policy in place by White earth Indian Child Welfare which limits my disclosure about children placed into foster care in my home. The policy is that I, as a foster care provider, am not *to* discuss information about the child(ren) in placement in my home except with Indian Child welfare staff, the applicable county social services staff, and other professional service providers for the child(ren) who are designated as such by ICW.

I further understand, by signing below, that if I violated a child's right to confidentiality that my license for providing foster care may come under review. The review may result in a letter of reprimand which will be placed into foster care file, another signed agreement which states that I will refrain from further infractions of my foster care license standards, a suspension in my license, or termination of my license.

Signed:

Foster Parent #1

Date

Foster Parent #2

Date

Other Adult living in the home

Date

Licensing Worker for Indian Child Welfare

Date

ICW Foster Care Provider

I have read through the entire foster care standards. I am familiar with the standards and agree to comply with them. I will notify ICW if I have any comments or concerns regarding the standards.

Please sign and date:

Applicant

Date

Applicant

Date