



Child Placing Agency CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Information regarding children in foster care and their families should be held in confidence by all concerned. DCCCA, foster care contractors, biological parents and foster parents share information and work together as a team to ensure the well-being of the child.

When a child is placed in your home, the Specialist will share with you information that will help you in working with the child. Included in this may be an explanation of any mental or physical disabilities, information about any behavior problems and information about the child's family that is helpful in working with him/her, including names of siblings and relatives.

The information the Specialist shares with you about the child, or any information you receive directly from the child or his/her family is confidential. Remember that the child and the parents have a right to privacy.

Specialists and foster families should not make judgments about the biological parents and their family. Many children become upset when they overhear conversations about their family situations or when they are confronted by others with information that they feel should not be known. As a result, never discuss your foster child's personal business with relatives, neighbors, friends or others who are not entitled to this information.

Foster parents should be mindful of confidentiality when using social media, such as Facebook. Photos of foster children cannot be posted online as well as the child's name, circumstance, or any other identifying information.

I have read and agree to adhere to this Confidentiality Policy.

Foster Parent Signature

Date

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DCCCA Representative

Date