



CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES FOSTER CARE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

This Foster Care agreement (Agreement) made and entered into on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between Clark County, by and through its Department of Family Services referred to as DFS and

Names of Foster Parents

Street and No	City	County	State	Zip
Referred to as the Foster Parents.				

A. PURPOSE:

The Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) and Foster Parent(s) agree that children need healthy childhood, with quality parenting that honors their biological family and their need to develop and maintain permanent lifelong connections. The purpose of this agreement is to articulate a common understanding of values, principles, and relationships necessary to fulfill this responsibility in a respectful, positive, and collaborative manner. Together, we agree to minimize trauma, limit placement moves and promote family connections for children, as we work toward our vision of "safe children, healthy families and caring communities." Both sides agree to partner with each other towards the improvement of quality services provided to children and families.

B. TERM

This agreement shall remain in effect for as long as funding is appropriated for these services or upon termination of this agreement by either party after 30-days written notice of intent to terminate is given.

It is mutually agreed by and between the parties as follows:

C. THE FOSTER PARENT(S) SHALL:

1. Maintain as a primary residence and operate a home which is emotionally and physically safe for children placed by DFS exclusively for one (1) year from the date the agreement is effective.
2. Provide care for children placed with foster parent(s) 24 hours a day, seven days per week, including holidays. Be able to be contacted through designated contact numbers provided to DFS.
3. Maintain the home in accordance with Foster Home licensing regulations. Notify DFS prior to moving to another residence. Conform to the licensing/certification requirements, including notifying DFS of absences of the children, allegations of abuse and changes in the foster family or any application for income on behalf of the children
4. Participate in and/or contribute their knowledge and experience in implementing the child's case plan.
5. Notify DFS ten (10) or more working days prior to the date desired for the placed child's removal from the home unless the safety or circumstances prohibit this.
6. Increase their knowledge and ability to care for children and stabilize placements by attending training or therapeutic services and participating in support services.
7. Cooperate, support and facilitate visiting arrangements between the children and parent(s), relatives or siblings, when such visits are included in the plan.
8. Keep confidential information given about the children and their families as mandated by NRS Chapter 432B.

9. Promote growth and positive self-esteem in the children by providing clear expectations, age appropriate limitations, and the consequences of behavior, avoiding all forms of physical discipline.
10. Immediately notify DFS of significant changes in the children's health, behavior or location.
11. Accept and meet each child's special needs, including coping with separation from his/her biological family and others in his/her life, by showing respect and nurturance for the child's family, community and cultural connection.
12. Maintain the children's health, medical and other records, updating them as necessary,
13. Ensure that the children's clothing and personal items accompany the children upon departure from the home.
14. For travel:
 - a. Out of state planned longer than seventy-two (72) hours, the DFS Specialist must receive from the caregiver, by email, a complete travel itinerary a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the first date of travel.
 - b. For short term or day trips (less than 72 hours) out of state that do not impact visitation, advance notification is not required. However, partnering with the Department and keeping Case Managers informed of the child's location should be done by email, text, or voicemail.
 - c. Obtain approval from DFS and Juvenile Court by means of a formal request prior to taking children out of country.
15. Provide all necessary transportation for the child as identified in the child's case plan including but not limited to parental visits, medical and counseling appointments.
16. Per NAC 424.490, maintain at least the minimum automobile liability insurance required by state law and comply with seat belt and car seat requirements.
17. Maintain the right to accept or deny placement of a foster child or request that a child be removed, unless written agreement exists to the contrary.
18. Acknowledge that foster parent(s) are independent contractors and are not, under any circumstances, agents, representatives, or employees of Clark County or DFS; accordingly, they will not receive any of the rights or benefits afforded such employees.
19. Indemnify, defend and hold Clark County harmless from any and all claims, demands, actions, attorney's fees, costs and expenses based upon any acts, errors, omissions, fault or negligence of the foster family, or its employees, while caring for children in their home.

D. DFS SHALL:

1. Provide the foster parent(s) with information on the background and needs of the children.
2. Provide resources, as available, to help foster parent(s) caring for children with special needs.
3. Contact foster parent(s) at least once a month or as needed to provide support.
4. Obtain input from foster parent(s) to develop and implement a case plan to achieve permanency for the children.
5. Provide written notice ten (10) or more calendar days before removal of children, unless safety or circumstances prohibit this.
6. Provide a procedure for the grievances of foster parent(s).
7. Contact the children and foster parent(s) at least once a month or as defined in the case plan.
8. Identify and refer foster parent(s) to trainings and support services to stabilize placements.
9. Allow the foster parent(s) access to information kept about them in the records at DFS, except for references.
10. Offer planned respite to the foster parent(s) as authorized.
11. Provide a SAMI/Medicaid card or other medical coverage at time of placement in the foster home (including record of immunizations), if available, and within 30 days of initial out-of-home placement, arrange for a medical examination for each child, unless information from a recent exam is available.
12. Provide access to Peggy's Attic and other resources to meet the clothing needs, in accordance with DFS policy.

13. Coordinate and schedule regular visits with parent(s), relatives, siblings or other significant persons to the children.
14. Notify the foster parent immediately when there is a change of worker, change in a child's status or any significant change that impacts the care of a child.
15. Allow the foster parent to visit children, with prior approval by DFS. This contact must be deemed appropriate and agreed on by all parties involved to assure that this contact is in the best interest of the children.
16. Not hold foster parent(s) financially liable for acts of children unless the foster parent(s)' affirmative action or lack of adequate action contributed to the acts of the children.
17. Provide 48 hours or more notice to the foster parent of assistance needed for transportation of a child, unless safety or circumstances prohibit this.
18. Provide information regarding confidentiality requirements mandated by Nevada Revised Statute 432B.
19. Reimburse the Foster Parents in accordance with the rates in the attached Rate Schedule. **(Attachment A).**
 - a) Foster Parents will be paid the Standard Foster Rate.
 - b) Add on rates are based on the behavioral and medical assessment of the child.
 - c) Sibling rate will be paid to homes with 3 or more sibling placements.
 - d) Additional training is required for Advanced Foster Care.

E. BOTH PARTIES SHALL:

1. Both parties will abide by the following statutes and foster care guidelines. These documents are located on www.qpinevada website and are subject to change.
 - a) [The partnership plan for children in out of home care](#)
 - b) [Nevada Administrative Code and Nevada Revised Statute 424](#)
 - c) [Quality Parenting Standards for Licensed Foster Homes](#)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties executed this Agreement:

FOSTER PARENT(S)

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Name of Foster Parent (please print)

Signature of Foster Parent

Date

Name of Foster Parent (please print)

Signature of Foster Parent

Date

DFS

DFS Director or Designee (please print)

Signature of DFS Director or Designee

Date



ATTACHMENT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE SCHEDULE eff 7/01/2023

Type of Care	Age	Daily Rate	30 Day Month	31 Day Month
Standard Foster Care	0-12	\$ 28.21	\$ 846.30	\$ 874.51
Standard Foster Care	13 – Over	\$ 31.94	\$ 958.20	\$ 990.14
Sibling Foster Care	0-12	\$ 30.21	\$ 906.30	\$ 936.51
Sibling Foster Care	13- Over	\$ 33.94	\$ 1018.20	\$ 1052.14
Advanced Foster Care	All Ages	\$ 62.82	\$1,884.60	\$1,947.42
Respite Care	0-12	\$ 21.02		
Respite Care	13 - Over	\$ 25.13		
		Monthly Add On Rate (Standard & Sibling)		
Behavioral Level 1	All Ages	\$ 37.69		
Behavioral Level 2	All Ages	\$ 113.07		
Behavioral Level 3	All Ages	\$188.45		
Medically Fragile 1	All Ages	\$188.45		
Medically Fragile 2	All Ages	\$314.09		
Medically Fragile 3	All Ages	\$628.18		

Clothing and Incidental Expenses:		
Standard, Sibling and Advanced Foster Care Rates include the costs of clothing, incidentals, and personal allowances. The following chart shows the minimums for these costs calculated on a monthly basis.		
Age	Monthly Clothing	Monthly Personal Incidentals
0-12	\$ 37.50	\$ 11.00
13 - Over	\$56.25	\$ 22.00

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLY RATES

Clothing Stipend: One Time	
Initial Stipend for clothing granted when child first enters Child Welfare System after 75 days in Placement	
Age 0-4	\$ 75.00
Age 5-12	\$ 105.00
Age 13 -Over	\$ 125.00

School Supplies: Paid in August	
Age 0-4	None
Age 5 -12	\$ 17.00
Age 13 - Over	\$ 28.00