



Foster Parents Job Description

The goal of foster care is to provide for the physical, emotional and social needs of children in an “alternate” family setting until the biological family can be reunited or a permanent placement plan can be implemented.

Responsibilities to the child

- Provide a safe and comfortable home.
- Provide for the child’s basic physical and emotional needs.
- Provide for school attendance; monitor progress, note special needs and accomplishments.
- Attend to medical and dental needs.
- Cooperate with visitation plans.
- Maintain a record of the child’s time in care: photos, report cards, etc.
- Keep information confidential regarding the child and their family.

Responsibilities to the agency

- Keep the agency informed of problems and progress.
- Keep the agency informed of changes in your home.
- Participate in reviews and court hearings with regards to the child.
- Comply with the agency’s training policy.
- Comply with state regulations Wisconsin Administration Code HFS 56.
- Give a minimum of 30 days notice when requesting the child to be removed.

Responsibilities to the biological parents

- Help the child maintain an emotional bond and involvement with the parents and extended family members.
- Provide information about the child’s growth, developments, likes, dislikes, etc.
- Aid in facilitating parental involvement in important aspects of the child’s life.

Responsibilities to the foster parents own family

- Discuss with all family members the decision to provide foster care.
- Make every effort to maintain usual lifestyle and relationships.
- Discuss the impact taking in foster children may have on the family routine.
- Prepare all members for the arrival of foster children.

Benefits:

- Monthly reimbursement
- Child care and transportation reimbursement
- Medical and dental assistance for the child

