Child Placement Agreements



What is a Child Placement Agreement?

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Written agreements with out-ofhome caregivers that establish safeguards for children with behaviors or circumstances that may pose a significant threat to themselves or others

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Types of Child Placement Agreements?

1. Care Precaution

2. Behavior Management Plan

Why?

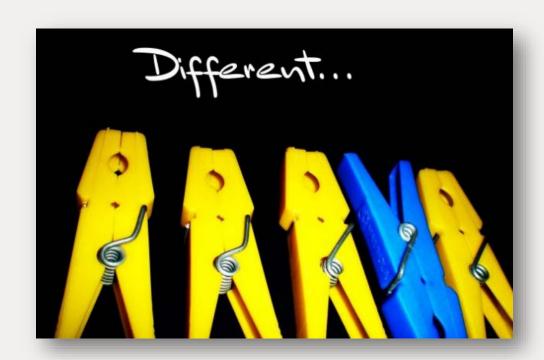
- ✓ <u>Less restrictive</u> options
- ✓ Provisions to <u>terminate</u> agreements
- ✓ Consideration of <u>sibling groups</u>



✓ Recognize <u>limitations</u> of initial placement information

✓ Exceptions process

Why?



What children are affected?

Juvenile Sexual Abuse:
 coerced, without consent, and
 without equality sexual behavior
 Alleged juvenile sexual offender

 Problematic Sexual Behavior: inappropriate boundaries, lack of modesty, sexual knowledge Sexually reactive

What children are affected?

 Human Trafficking - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child (CSEC)

 Behaviors that are a Significant Threat to Others: violence, fire setting, hurting/killing animals, destruction of property communicable disease

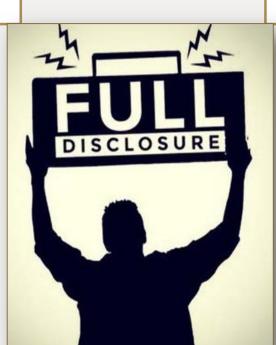
 Severe Self-Harm: suicide attempts, cutting/burning, eating disorder, running away

Requirements

Specifics about the abuse

Information about assessments

Specifics about past behaviors



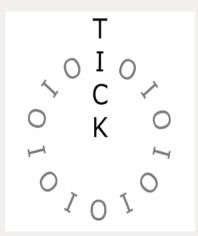
Past/present treatment information

Psychotropic medication/treatment goals

Court ordered restrictions

$Time frame \\ Requirements$

- Must be established at the <u>time of</u> <u>placement</u>
- Verbal agreements: enter detailed
 FSFN note within 2 business days
- Signed by the CPI/DCM, Child (if appropriate), Caregivers with <u>5 days</u> of placement



Requirements

The caregiver must have <u>access</u> to a case manager, supervisor, or provider agency if assistance is needed



Not required for child in a <u>specialized</u> <u>treatment facility</u>

Requirements



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Which child needs a Care Precaution?

- Alleged or known victim of sexual abuse or CSEC
- Child with Problematic
 Sexual Behaviors
- Juvenile Sexual Behaviors or Significant Threat Behaviors*
 - Over a year ago
 - Stepping down from Behavior Management Plan

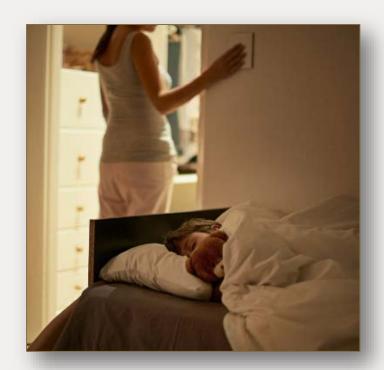
A child shall be placed in a **private bedroom** until the child is known to the caregivers <u>unless</u>:



1. The child is being placed with **siblings** and there are **no concerns for the safety** of anyone in the sibling group.



2. A separate bedroom is not possible and the caregiver(s) agree to careful and frequent monitoring of sleeping arrangements in order to inform ongoing supervision needs.



3. Qualified assessor indicates a private bedroom is not necessary.



Other precaution actions will be established as necessary



Requirements

"Prevention Rules"

- "Okay" touch
- Bedroom access
- Bathroom private time
- Access to appropriate material (internet/DVD/magazines)
- Encourage/model/support honest communication
- Dress code
- Triggers



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Behavior Management Plan

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Behavior Management Plan

Juvenile Sexual Behaviors

 Behaviors that are a Significant Threat to Others-less than a year

Behavior Management Plan:

Requirements

- The child must be the <u>youngest child</u> living in the home.
- 2. A physically or sexually aggressive child must not be placed in a bedroom with a more vulnerable child.
- 3. The child's bedroom must have an <u>alarm or</u> <u>other alerting device</u> for the door when there are concerns for the safety of the child or other children in the home during the times when caregivers are sleeping.
- 4. The child must <u>receive sight and sound</u> <u>supervision</u>.
- 5. Follow <u>Court Orders</u> (Contacts/Visitation/Family Time)

Behavior Management Plan

• Modifications may include:

- Changes to the use of space
- Change routines
- Change house rules
- Positive reinforcement
- De-escalation techniques
- Therapeutic activities
- Actions and assistance to support the caregiver
- Caregiver's agreement to assist in any triggers associated with self-harming behavior or inappropriate behaviors towards others



Behavior Management Plan:

Requirement

An assessment by a qualified assessor must be received within 30 days of a child's placement and the requirements in the agreement must be modified as necessary.



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Role of the CPI





- Exercise due diligence to gather information to identify any child behaviors of concern.
- For children who might need a Child Placement Agreement when they are being evaluated by a CPT, CPI should request that the CPT provide any early information (verbally) from their assessment that will help to inform placement needs. This includes information gathering about the needs of a sibling group in order to provide for each sibling's safety in care.
- Exercise due diligence to gather and assess information about relative/non-relative caregiver, other children in their home, and whether the caregiver can address the child's needs and provide supervision necessary to protect other children in the home
- Share all information with caregiver
- Review with the out-of-home caregiver the care and supervision needs of the child and develop <u>initial</u> Child Placement Agreement
- Complete the Unified Home Study to document information gathered to justify that a relative or non-relative is responsible and capable of meeting the child's needs.
- Obtain supervisory approval
- Depending on the circuit and local protocols, the CPI might initiate the referral process for the CBHA

Monitoring Child Placement Agreements

During routine contacts, ask yourself...

- Are requirements working or not?
- Need to implement any new house rules, interventions or treatment?
- Any incidents of harm to other children in the home?

– Additional supports needed?

When to Modify a Child Placement Agreement

- ✓ <u>New child is placed in the home</u>, a review of any current agreements will be conducted to determine if any changes are necessary.
- ✓ Child is moved to a new placement setting.
- ✓ Changes made to the level of <u>restrictions</u>.



Supervisor Approval of Child Placement Agreements

Review and approve initial & updated Child Placement Agreements

and

Grant and document exceptions to requirements based on qualified assessor (written/verbal)



Terminating Child Placement Agreements

Based on an <u>evaluation</u> by a <u>qualified assessor</u>

and

the <u>absence of concerning</u>
<u>behaviors</u> which threaten the
safety of other children in the
home or the child

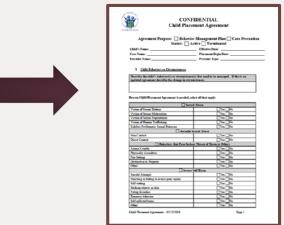


Review



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- CSEC*
- Problematic Sexual Behavior
- Past
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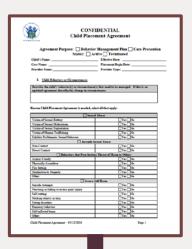




Care Precaution

Full Disclosure









1. Own room

- -Assessor says not required
- -No safety issues with siblings
- -Caregiver frequent checks room

2. Prevention Rules



- Verbal agreement: 2 days to enter detailed note in FSFN
- Signed agreement: 5 days of placement

- Juvenile Sexual Behavior
- SignificantThreat toOthers
- CSEC*













Behavior Management Plan



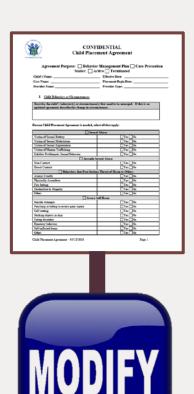




- 1. Youngest child living in the home
- 2. Not be placed in a bedroom with a more vulnerable child
- 3. Alarm or other alerting device
- 4. Receive sight and sound supervision
- 5. Follow Court Orders



- Verbal agreement: 2 days to enter note in FSFN
- Signed agreement: 5 days of placement
- Qualified assessor: 30 days of placement





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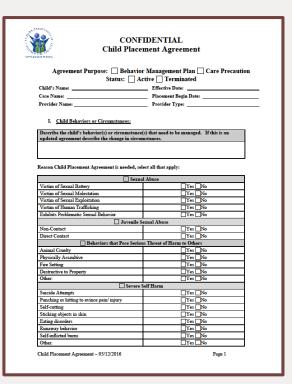




Based on an <u>evaluation</u> by a <u>qualified assessor</u> and

the <u>absence of concerning behaviors</u> which threaten the safety of other children in the home or the child

Child Placement Agreement FSFN Template







Questions

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