

When the Phone Rings

Introduction

This fact sheet will go over questions frequently asked by experienced foster parents when CP&P calls with a child for placement.

The Basics

- What is the child's name, age, sex and race?
- What is the child's religion?
Does the child require any religious instruction? If so, where? When? Who is expected to provide transportation?

Health Concerns

- What known allergies, if any, does the child have?
- Is the child on any medication?
If yes, describe diagnosis and medication
- Are there any special dietary concerns?
- Are there any medical/immunization records?
If not, who can the pediatrician contact to get such records?

- Has the child been issued a Medicaid card?

Educational Needs

- What do I need to do about the child starting school?
Have the records been transferred?
- Does the child have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in place?
- Are there any special arrangements necessary for the child's education?
- How will transportation to the school be handled?

Developmental Concerns

- Is the child on schedule developmentally?
If not, explain.
- If the child is older, does he/she have a history of violence, drug or alcohol use?
- Is the child sexually active?

Emotional/Mental Considerations

- Does the child receive any therapy or counseling?
If so, what kind and how often are the sessions? Where do they take place and who is expected to provide transportation?
- Has the child been sexually and/or physically abused?
If so, does the child exhibit behaviors (i.e. acting out) as a result of the abuse?
- Does the child exhibit any habitual anti-social behaviors (e.g. lying, stealing, harming others)?
- Has the child been issued a Medicaid card?

Family History

- Has any initial family visitation schedule been established? If yes:
When and where will the visits occur? Who is expected to provide transportation?
- Does the child have any siblings?
Are they also being placed out-of-home? Will there be visits with the siblings? How often do they occur and where do they take place? Who will provide transportation?

Involving CP&P

- Was the child removed through Informed Consent or by court order?



A good match can make all the difference for you and the child. An informed decision is always the best decision for everyone.

- What Local Office (LO) is placing the child? Is this the only LO I'll deal with?
- Who is the Case Manager?
- How long has the child been in out-of-home placement?
How many placements has he/she had?
- Is the child coming from another out-of-home placement?
Why is the child being removed from that home, and may I contact the former resource parents?
- What is the board rate for this child?
If coming from another out-of-home-placement, is it the same rate? If no, why not?
- What is the case plan for the child?
- What is the anticipated length of stay for the child?

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