



## **Statement of Rights and Responsibilities of Foster Parents**

### Texas Family Initiative

- (1) Foster parents have the right to be treated with dignity, respect, and consideration as a member of the service planning team;
- (2) Foster parents have the right and responsibility to participate in service planning and implementation of the service plan;
- (3) Foster parents have the right and responsibility to obtain training that will assist them in meeting the needs of children placed in their home;
- (4) The child-placing agency has a responsibility to assist foster parents in identifying training that will enhance the foster parents ability to meet the needs of children placed in their home;
- (5) Foster parents and the child-placing agency have the responsibility to communicate with each other in a timely and effective manner;
- (6) Foster parents have the right to be reimbursed for care of the children placed in their home in a timely manner and according to the child-placing agency's policy;
- (7) The child-placing agency has the responsibility to provide relevant information about a child to foster parents when placing or considering placing the child;
- (8) Foster parents have the right and responsibility to obtain information and ask questions about children the child-placing agency would like to place in their home, including requesting a pre-placement visit;
- (9) Foster parents have the right to know how much discretion they have in declining specific placements without fear of negative repercussions;
- (10) The child-placing agency has the responsibility to provide support to all of their foster parents and inform them of any services available to foster parents;
- (11) Foster parents have the responsibility to report to the child-placing agency and Licensing information as required by the child-placing agency's policies and this chapter;
- (12) Foster parents have the right to appeal child-placing agency actions and decisions that affect them and to know the procedures for making an appeal;
- (13) Foster parents have the responsibility to comply with this chapter as applicable;

(14) The child-placing agency has the responsibility to provide foster parents with support, training, and oversight in order to ensure the foster parents are in compliance, as applicable, with this chapter; and

(15) Foster parents have the right to review their foster home record maintained by the child-placing agency.