

Treatment: Foster Care

Guidelines for Services: Department Responsibilities in Foster Care

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DCF Responsibilities

The Department has overall responsibility for the care of each child in placement.

The goal of the Department is to ensure that every child is safe and well cared for.

Social Worker Role

The Social Worker, as the primary agent of the Department, carries out the responsibilities to the children in care.

These responsibilities are shared with the foster parents in order to ensure that the child's needs are identified and that the child receives necessary support and services.

Service Plan

The Service Plan is a written, working agreement between the child, family, foster parent or other caretaker, service provider(s), and the Department Social Worker.

The Service Plan

- establishes objectives and responsibilities for the planning period
 - serves as the guide for the provision of services to achieve the stated objectives.
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Supervision

The Department's supervision of a child's placement is primarily carried out through

- visits
 - observation
 - interviews with foster parents and the child
 - use of other professional services
 - case recording
 - careful review and assessment of all case record information.
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