

**Social  
Worker's  
Responsibility  
to Child**

The Social Worker shall

- develop a relationship with the child through visits, telephone calls and private conversations, as age appropriate
- explain the purpose of the Service Plan and planned activities to the child, as appropriate for the child's level of understanding
- help the child understand the reasons for and the realities of placement without violating the positive aspects of the child's feelings about his/her parents
- keep the child informed about the his/her case planning, family situation and siblings
- ensure the child's visitation with parents, siblings and significant persons according to the Service Plan
- ensure that family photographs and other mementos of the child's life are gathered and preserved. These items shall reflect the various family and life experiences of the child and should be maintained in a Life Book format.

Cross-Reference: 48-13-4, *"Procedures for Creating and Utilizing a Life Book"*

- ensure that arrangements are made for the child to attend church and receive religious instruction in his/her own faith
  - allow the child the opportunity to express his/her anxieties, fears and other feelings, including conflicted loyalties
  - ensure through observation and direct inquiry that all the child's basic needs are met
  - arrange for any special services the child may require including health, mental health and educational
  - aid in preparing the child for any life transitions, adoption, reunification, adulthood
  - ensure that a full array of adolescent services are provided to all youth over the age of sixteen (16)
  - document the child's progress by maintaining the uniform case record and LINK computer record.
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