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A Coming of Age Foster Family Agency believes that every child in placement should be treated like other children who are not currently under protective custody. As these children are placed in “family-like” environments with a foster family, the Agency recognizes that each foster parent establishes rules within their individual homes. As the governing body over Agency certified homes, the Agency maintains that all foster homes certified under the Agency’s “exclusive use policy” must adhere to standards representative of the Agency. For that reason, all children in placement must adhere to rules within the certified homes representative of those rules outlined below.

1. Each youth is expected to show respect to others and to comply with the requests of foster parents.
2. Each youth is expected to respect the property, boundaries and privacy of others.
3. Each youth, as age appropriate, is expected to make their bed and be responsible for keeping their dresser drawers and their area of the bedroom and closet neat and clean.
4. Each youth, as age appropriate, is expected to participate in cleaning their own laundry or learning, through participating with the foster parent(s), so as to gain the necessary independent living skills of cleaning their own clothes. Foster parent(s) will monitor foster children at all times to insure that they are appropriately using the laundry detergents and soaps used.
5. Each youth, as age appropriate, will participate in the cleaning of their bedrooms and other areas as mutually agreed upon by the minor, foster parent(s) and Agency social worker. Such “chores” may include the bathrooms, kitchen area, dining room/living room and will be incorporated into the child’s needs and services plan, if age appropriate, to incorporate training on a child’s independent living skills. The Agency social worker assigned to monitor the home and minor will insure that all chores assigned are not excessive and appropriate for the minor in placement.
6. No raiding the refrigerator. Always ask before you go into the refrigerator. No food is allowed in the bedrooms.
7. No radios/TV's or lights (except night-lights) may be left on after bedtime or in unattended rooms. Radios/TV's must be played softly. Excessive volume may result in confiscation for one day and/or loss of privileges. Everyone is responsible for his or her own radio or TV and for anyone who may be using it.
8. All visitors (except authorized representatives) must have permission from foster parents and/or social worker before visiting.
9. Each youth is expected to use the phone in a responsible manner. Always ask before using the phone.
10. All gifts to a youth from outside sources must have social worker and placement worker approval.
11. Foster children are allowed to share entertainment equipment with one another only with the approval of the rightful owner of the equipment. Should any equipment break, by other than intentional destruction, when in use by that individual who borrowed the equipment, the original owner will accept full responsibility for sharing the equipment in the first place
12. Borrowing of equipment by a foster child from the certified parent can only be done so with the approval of the certified parent.
13. Every youth is expected to avoid (a) being physically abusive to others or being involved in fights (b) swearing/foul language: (c) horseplay; property damage; and (d) inappropriate physical activity.

14. Dress must be in accordance with the school dress code. When at the foster home or in public, dress must be appropriate to the given activity, which the child is involved in. No excessively baggy, torn, ripped, low cut or otherwise inappropriate (cult scripted, drug paraphernalia, profane, etc.) clothing will be permitted or purchased for the child.
15. Every youth that attends school is expected to. (a) be on time; (b) not be involved in problems at school; (c) let foster parents know whenever they have assignments/home-work and when these are completed; (d) finish homework on time; and (e) ask for help when needed.
16. No smoking, drugs or alcohol.
17. An established curfew will be established for children who are old enough and who have the approval of their county social worker. Failure to comply with this curfew on the part of the minor will result in a loss of this privilege and the county social worker being notified.

I have read and understand and have had explained to me any question I had regarding the above procedures.

Child

Date

Authorized Representative

Date

I have explained the above policies and have answered any questions asked me regarding these procedures.

Intake Worker

Date