

PARENTAL ROLES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

BIRTH PARENT

Addictions
 Citizenship
 Consent (medical/education/general)
 Family/Tradition
 Life
 Genetics
 Eye/Hair/Skin Color
 Gender
 Physical Characteristics
 Personality
 Intelligence
 Health Issues
 Heritage/History
 Name
 Prenatal Care
 Religion/Culture
 Siblings/Relatives
 Talents

LEGAL PARENT (DYFS/Family Court)

Advocate
 Clothing – Subsidy (monthly allowance)
 Consent (general) / Power of Attorney
 Day Care - Contracts w/approved providers
 Education – Consent for Transfer/IEP
 Ethics
 Food – DYFS Subsidy/WIC
 Healthcare – Medicaid/Placement
 Physical/Consent
 Identification – Foster Parent ID Letter
 Liability
 Name
 Protection
 Safety – Various assessments by DYFS
 Shelter – Subsidy
 Supervision
 Therapy

CAREGIVING PARENT (Foster/Adoptive Parent)

Acceptance
 Advocate
 Affection
 Buy Things
 Clothing
 Comfort
 Commitment
 Consistency
 Day Care
 Develop Talents
 Discipline
 Documentation/Chronicle
 Family/Traditions
 Food
 Healthcare
 Hobbies
 Hugs
 Humor
 Hygiene
 Interaction
 Language
 Liability
 Life Skills
 Listening
 Love/Affection
 Morals/Ethics
 Motivation
 Nurturing
 Opportunity
 Patience
 Playing
 Protection
 Quality Time
 Religion
 Respect
 Role Model

Safety
 School/Homework
 Shelter
 Sports/Recreation
 Structure
 Supervision
 Support
 Teach
 Therapy
 Tolerance
 Transportation
 Trust
 Understanding
 Vacation/Recreation
 Values

HOW DO CHILDREN FEEL?

Abandoned	Abnormal
Angry	Conflicted
Confused	Disappointed
Frustrated	Hesitant
Lost/Misplaced	Rejected
Sad/Depressed	Scared
Happy	Hopeful
Relieved	Safe
Thankful	