National Center for Children and Families
Innovative Family Connections
Foster Parent Licensing

Confidentiality

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NCCF and all certified NCCF foster parents must protect the confidential information regarding the foster children, parents and guardians that we serve. Foster parents have access to confidential information about foster children and their biological families to support the child in promoting safety, well-being, and permanency. The sensitive nature of such information requires that foster parents adhere to the following requirements:

(1) Foster parents shall maintain confidentiality of all information about the foster child and birth family during and after placement.

(2) A foster parent may transmit information about the foster child or birth family only in accordance with Maryland and District law, to:
   a. the National Center for Children and Families and its representatives
   b. contracted agencies and their representatives
   c. the child's parents
   d. the child's guardian ad litem
   e. the birth parents attorney

(3) A foster parent may transmit information about the foster child or birth family:
   a. As authorized by NCCF or contracted agency in order to provide services to the child
   b. As necessary for the provision of medical, mental health, or education services
   c. In accordance with a court order

I/we _____ recognize the serious nature of caring for another person's child and the right to privacy for the child and family. Therefore:

(1) Under no circumstances will I/we disclose the identity of my foster child or confidential information about this child to any individual without written consent.

(2) Upon request, I/we wills hare information regarding an NCCF foster child with the appropriate NCCF staff.

(3) In the event of my/our withdrawal or resignation, I/we will continue to hold in strictest confidence all information related to the clients of NCCF.

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Signature Date

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