

Office of Children's Services

SPECIAL NEEDS HOTLINE

Special needs are those things
needed by a child not covered
by the foster parent stipend.
The unexpected, the
extraordinary, the necessary.

- ✓ EMERGENCY BEDS & CRIBS
- ✓ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- ✓ SUMMER CAMP
- ✓ DAMAGE & LOSS
- ✓ EMERGENCY / INITIAL
PLACEMENT CLOTHING
- ✓ INFANT / TODDLER SAFETY ITEMS
- ✓ VACATION TRAVEL

CONTACT US

Email (preferred):
fcs.ocs.special.needs.hotline@alaska.gov

Phone:
1-855-60-FUNDS
(1-855-603-8637)
Option 1 (Special Needs)
Option 2 (Placement Support)
Option 3 (Childcare)

For placement support needs, please contact
fcs.ocs.pssu@alaska.gov



Resource Family Bill of Rights



Working Together For Alaska's Children In Care

RFAB Email: akresourcefamilyboard@yahoo.com

RESPECT

Resource families can expect to be **treated with respect** when interacting with staff of the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services and be included in discussions about the child prior to case planning, administrative reviews, TDMs and court hearings.

CPS 1.3

OPTIONS

Resource families have the **right to decide whether to accept placement of a child** into their foster home. Resource families have the right to set a limit to the number of children that can be placed in their foster home within legal and licensing capacity.

7 AAC 67.140

RELIGION

Resource families have a **right to practice their religion and spiritual practices** in their home as long as the religious and spiritual practices of the child's birth family are also respected.

CPS 6.5.4, 7 AAC 67.230

PRIVACY

Resource families have the **right to work with the caseworker on how family contact will be maintained** in the home. Resource families will make the decision on what contact information will be provided to the parents/caregivers and the decision to allow birth family visits in the home.

CPS 6.5.6

INVOLVEMENT

Resource families have a **right to receive notice of court hearings** involving a child placed in their home.

AS 47.10.030

FAIR HEARING

Resource families have the **right to a fair hearing on licensure actions** on their home including access to an appeal process if given a plan of correction or if a license is revoked. Resource families have a right to include a written response to a completed investigation despite the outcome to be included in the foster care licensing file.

CPS 1.16, AS 47.32.140, 7 AAC 67.060

INFORMATION

Resource families have a **right to receive known information** on each child who is to be placed in the foster home including educational, medical and behavioral information including the strengths and needs of the child.

7 AAC 67.140

NOTICE

Resource families have a **right to have notice of a placement change of a child** in their home under non-emergency conditions and have a right to challenge a placement change under non-emergency conditions.

CPS 3.6.1, AS 47.10.098

TRAINING

Resource Families have the **right to request training for foster children in their care**. An individualized training plan (ITP) will be developed with the foster parent(s). The training plan is designed to strengthen the foster parent's ability to meet the needs of the children in care.

7 AAC 67. 130

COMMUNICATION

Resource families can **expect regular visits from the child's caseworker** to exchange information, plan together, and discuss any concerns about the child.

CPS 3.2.1

PERMISSIONS

Resource families have the **right to sign for permissions for every day events** (as long as they don't go against regulations or statute) using a reasonable and prudent parent standard to decide based on the child's age and developmental level about child and youth participation in cultural, extra-curricular, social, and enrichment activities.

CPS 6.5.4, 7 AAC 67.200

GRIEVANCE

Resource families have the **right to use the grievance procedure** established by the Office of Children's Services to make their concerns known without the fear of reprisal.

CPS 1.16, AS 47.10.098

DISCLOSURE

Resource families moving towards adoption of a foster child have the **right to full disclosure information** regarding the child before the finalization of the child's adoption.

CPS 3.14.2

PLACEMENT

Resource Families have the **right to request a change in placement of a child** from their home. Resource Families shall provide notice to the child's caseworker at least 14 calendar days in advance when requesting placement change of a child except when the health or safety of a household would be endangered by the child's continued placement.

7 AAC 67.150