

Student Name:

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Foster Parents and Placement of Children

Foster parents play a critical role in our ability to serve the children of Alabama. In fact, research indicates that Child Protection agencies nationwide could not properly function without the support of foster parents. Foster parents are considered an important part of our DHR Child Welfare Team. We value their time, expertise, and the tireless efforts they put forth in providing safe homes for our children.

1. Meet with your supervisor and obtain a listing of foster parents in your region.
2. Also, ask your supervisor to explain to you the hierarchy of permanency goals for children who have entered foster care. Write down a brief description of the hierarchy of permanency goals:
3. Observe an experienced co-worker making a foster home placement on one of the cases you have been assigned to shadow. This should include completion of shopping paperwork, etc.
4. Write a brief summary (2-3 paragraphs) on what you observed during the placement. In addition, provide information on the interaction between the foster parent, worker, and child being placed:

5. Ask your co-worker to explain the concept and process of voluntary foster care to you. Write down a brief description of voluntary foster care:

I discussed the following with my supervisor regarding the importance of foster parents, the hierarchy of permanency goals, and the placement of a child in a foster home: