



Lawrence County CYS Foster Program Expectations

1. Have open and positive communication with the agency.
2. Fostering youth can be rewarding and stressful, however please ensure you have supports within the immediate family for yourself
3. If you are unsure of how to handle a situation; please call your caseworker or your foster care worker.
4. The agency's main goal is to reunify the child with the biological parents. The agency will also have concurrent goals such as adoption, legal guardianship, and another planned permanent living arrangement if reunification is not an option.
5. Provide transportation to the visits, doctor appointments, court, and hospital. If something comes up and you cannot transport, we can help on an emergency basis.
6. Be mindful of what you are posting on social media. You cannot post anything related to the foster child.
7. If you are struggling with the behaviors of a child, please inform the agency prior to asking for the child's removal. The agency will work to find appropriate training for the foster parents, and services that will benefit the child.
8. Many children in care have suffered a significant amount of trauma. Each child will respond differently in the home. Take time to let the child adjust.





9. You must complete all your yearly training using Foster Parent College.com and attend quarterly foster care meetings or anything else the agency requires as part of the foster program.
10. Foster Parents must maintain a positive relationship with biological parents. Follow the guidelines that the caseworker sets. If you have concerns regarding the biological parents, please inform the caseworker.
11. The agency strives to help the children and families of Lawrence County. As foster parents we encourage you to join us in helping one family at a time.
12. The foster family must inform the agency of any planned trips or arrangements regarding care for the foster child. Failure to do this will result in termination from the program. It is our jobs to keep children safe and the agency needs to know where the children are if not in the foster home.
13. Maintain appropriate and acceptable home conditions throughout your time as foster parents.
14. Foster Care Team will provide announced and unannounced visits to your home while you are an active certified family with the agency.

