

Youth Name: _____

House of New Hope

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**HOUSE OF NEW HOPE AND FOSTER CAREGIVER
PLACEMENT AGREEMENT**

As a foster caregiver, we acknowledge our responsibility to be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and the policies and practices of House of New Hope.

I (We) further agree that we have:

1. received a copy of House of New Hope's Foster Parent Manual containing the Agency's Policies and Procedures, and Section 5101:2-7 of the Ohio Administrative Code; and
2. have been given an opportunity to ask questions and obtain clarification regarding any and all information contained in the documents specified above.

I (We) agree to the following terms and conditions, and recognize that this agreement only represents a partial list of the abovementioned rules, regulations, policies and practices.

The provisions, foster care maintenance rate, and the foster child's level of care, stated in this Agreement, can only be changed by House of New Hope and without advanced notice.

I. The Foster Caregiver(s) agrees to:

- A. Work cooperatively with agency representatives as a member of a care and treatment team responsible for planning, providing and discussing the care and services provided to a foster child and shall fully disclose all information related to a foster child's problems or progress to agency representatives (see OAC 5101:2-7-03).
- B. Records and Confidentiality (see OAC 5101:2-7-04).
 1. Maintain a record on each foster child that is to be returned to House of New Hope when the foster child leaves my home.
 2. Not disclose or knowingly allow the disclosure of any information regarding a foster child or the foster child's family to persons not directly involved in the foster child's care and treatment on an official basis.
 3. Not respond to media inquiries (radio, television or newspaper) without the prior authorization of the Executive Director.
- C. Meet all the sleeping arrangement provisions of OAC 5101:2-7-05 and that no child's sleeping arrangements will be changed without the authorization of House of New Hope.
- D. Provide the foster child with no less than three nutritious and well-balanced meals a day served at regular intervals and conforming to any religious dietary restrictions or other dietary restrictions or special instructions imposed by the foster child's physician or dietician (see OAC 5101:2-7-06).

- E. Follow the instructions of the placing agency or physician for providing all health care services to each foster child in your care (see OAC 5101:2-7-07).
- F. Take responsibility for the full-time care of a foster child and attain approval from House of New Hope prior to utilizing alternative or respite caring services (see OAC 5101:2-7-08).
- G. Care, supervision and discipline (see OAC 5101:2-7-09).
 - 1. Treat each foster child with kindness, consistency, and respect.
 - 2. Not utilize any form of physical, chemical, or mechanical restraint.
 - 3. Not punish a foster child for actions over which he/she has no control.
 - 4. Not punish a foster child for bed-wetting.
 - 5. Not subject a foster child to verbal abuse or swearing; derogatory remarks about foster children, their families, their races, their religion, or their ethnic or cultural backgrounds; or to threats of physical violence or removal from the foster home.
 - 6. Not use any form of corporal punishment; physically strenuous work or exercises as a form of punishment; forcing a foster child to take an uncomfortable position; denial of social or recreational activities for excessive or prolonged periods of time; deprive a child of a meal; deny visitation or communication rights with the family of the foster child as a means of punishment; deny sleep; or deny shelter, clothing, bedding or restroom facilities.
- H. Provide regular opportunities for individual attention and physical contact with a caring adult, and provide consistent and regular opportunities for safe and comfortable participation in developmental activities such as sitting, crawling, walking and playing as appropriate to developmental ability, for children under the age of two years (see OAC 5101:2-7-10).
- I. Socialization and Education (see OAC 5101:2-7-11).
- J. Ensure that all the provisions of the site and safety requirements for a foster home are met and immediately inform House of New hope in the event of a site and safety problem (see OAC 5101:2-7-12).
- K. Required Notification (see OAC 5101:2-7-14).
- L. Additional Requirements for a Treatment Foster Caregiver and a Treatment Foster Home (see OAC 5101:2-7-16).
 - 1. Complete all training necessary to maintain the current foster caregiver's license.
 - 2. Implement the Individual Service Plan for each foster child as prescribed by House of New Hope.
 - 3. Participate in weekly consultation and face-to-face contact at least every two weeks with the House of New Hope Clinician, where at least one of the face-to-face contacts is in the foster home.
 - 4. Attend treatment team meetings and perform any additional duties and responsibilities established by House of New Hope.
 - 5. Work cooperatively with the family of the child according to the child's Individual Service Plan and case plan.
- M. Additional Requirements for a Foster Caregiver licensed through House of New Hope
 - 1. Maintain no less than five complete outfits of clothing, including seasonal needs and clothing taken by the child at the time of discharge. Clothing and footwear must be clean, well-fitting, age appropriate, and in a reasonable state of repair.
 - 2. Keep the foster child's clothing inventory sheet up-to-date and designating lost, damaged or outgrown clothing.

3. Provide or arrange for the provision of usual and normal transportation, such as, but not limited to and from school, to and from visitations, medical and dental services, counseling, court and other case related hearings, and extra-curricular activities engaged in by the foster child. The foster caregiver is to accompany and remain with the child if necessary for the purpose of the appointment or visit. Car seats and passenger restraints must be used as required by law.
4. Provide the foster child with an allowance of \$1.00 per day. If the monthly total is greater than the amount appropriate to give a child due to age or development, then the remainder must be placed in a savings account that is given to the child at the time of their discharge. Allowance is to be used by the child to purchase items or services that they want, rather than need.
5. Purchase holiday gifts for their foster child including appropriate religious, seasonal or birthday occasions.
6. Pay for extra-curricular activity fees (sports, martial arts, etc.); field trip fees; damage to personal property; long distance telephone bills; and theft or loss of property.
7. Provide a written notice, thirty-days in advance of the foster caregiver's intention to remove a foster child from the foster home, participate in the separation process, and pack up the child's belongings in suitcases; trash bags are unacceptable.

II. House of New Hope agrees to:

- A. Meet all the rules and regulations stipulated by the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- B. Provide consultation, support, and assistance to foster caregivers on a twenty-four hour per day emergency basis.
- C. Provide the foster caregiver with a copy of all rules, regulations and policies that apply to the specific foster care program.
- D. Provide the foster caregiver with any and all information provided to House of New Hope from the custodial agency pertaining to the foster child, including but not limited to, behavioral history, family background, case plan, and visitation planning, when known to the Agency.
- E. Advocate for financial support from the custodial agency; and authorization for medical, dental or other therapeutic as required by law or as deemed necessary by circumstance or situation.
- F. Purchase the basic school picture package for each foster child while in care, with one wallet sized picture being given to House of New Hope for the child's Individual Case Record. Provide financial assistance for senior pictures, graduation fees and materials, senior class ring, school fees over one hundred dollars, summer camp fees, and prescription drugs not covered by Medicaid when requested in writing.
- G. Pay up to seventy-five dollars per quarter per foster license per quarter for reimbursement of respite services and one hundred and twenty-five dollars per foster license per quarter for day care expenses in an ODJFS licensed center with receipts.
- H. Pay the foster care maintenance rate (per diem) set forth in this Agreement and ensure that such payments are made on or about the 25th of each month, as long as the Agency has legal authority to make such payments.
- I. Provide all pre-service and continuing training, at no cost, necessary to maintain your foster caregiver license and further develop your child care skills.
- J. Work collaboratively with the foster caregiver toward the creation and implementation of the foster child's Individualized Service Plan.
- K. To be honest, respectful and forthcoming with the foster caregiver in order to promote a healthy and long-term relationship.

Effective Date (Date of Placement): _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

SSN#: _____ Placing Agency: _____

HONH Clinician: _____

Level of Care: _____

Maintenance (Per Diem) Rate: _____

Foster Parent to initial below all that applies:

Prior to placement, I have been informed of **all currently available information** on the youth, to include: (check all that apply)

1. _____ The reason for the youth's placement, to include the youth's history of maltreatment and estimated timeframe for placement;
2. _____ Any immediate health needs and/or medications;
3. _____ Any special accommodations needed (diets, therapy, tutoring, learning disabilities, religious, handicapping conditions, etc.);
4. _____ Transportation requirements for visits and other activities;
5. _____ The known behaviors of the youth, to include any history of unruly, delinquent and/or violent acts committed by the child including, but not limited to arson, kidnapping, domestic violence and animal cruelty.

_____ I have received a copy of the Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA, A-88) from the placing county.

APPROVED BY:

Foster Parent	Date
Foster Parent	Date
House of New Hope Representative	Date