

THE FOSTER AND KINSHIP PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS

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What is the FCO?

The FCO advocates for rights of foster children and foster families, investigates and resolves complaints by foster children and foster families, and monitors the development of regulations, policies, and procedures related to the child welfare system.

RIGHTS FOR YOU: WEST VIRGINIA'S FOSTER AND KINSHIP FAMILIES

A Bill of Rights that acknowledges the integral and vital role you provide for our State's children!

The West Virginia Legislature established a Bill of Rights for Foster and Kinship Parent Families that includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- The right to be treated professionally and ethically as a provider.
- The right to maintain your own family beliefs and beliefs, when possible.
- The right to receive training.
- The right to have an emergency contact 24/7.
- The right to learn safety issues about the child prior to placement.
- The right to learn background about the child prior to placement.
- The right to be provided a copy of treatment and service plans.
- The right to participate and be notified of permanency planning.
- The right to communicate with other professionals regarding the child.
- The right to be notified of all Court hearings.
- The right to be notified of the final outcome of an investigation concerning foster home and explanation of corrective action plan or policy violation.
- The right to contact the Foster Care Ombudsman.
- The right to submit a letter or report to the Court.
- The right to be considered a permanent placement, when appropriate.
- The right to receive a full copy of the Bill of Rights.