

Respite Provider Policy Agreement

I. Confidentiality

As a respite provider, you may learn of confidential information regarding children in care and their families. The information is only for care providers and is not to be shared with your own family, friends or neighbors. The child's right to privacy must be respected.

RCW 74.04.060 states that the department and its employees are prohibited from disclosing the contents of any records, files, papers, and communications, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of the programs.

II. Discipline

Discipline practices with foster children must be fair, reasonable, consistent and related to the child's behavior. Cruel, unusual, frightening, unsafe or humiliating practices are NOT allowed. This includes but is not limited to

- Physical punishment, such as spanking with hand or object, and
- Denying basic needs, such as sleep, food, shelter, clothing, and the ability to care for hygiene and toilet needs.

III. Religion

I understand children have the right to practice their own faith.

IV. Smoking

I understand smoking is prohibited in foster homes and in vehicles with foster children.

V. Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

I will report any situation where I suspect child abuse or neglect to my local Child Protective Services office or 1-866-ENDHARM.

RESPITE PROVIDER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

LICENSOR'S SIGNATURE

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