



Resource Family Advisory Board

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special needs hotline

THE UNEXPECTED,
THE EXTRAORDINARY,
THE NECESSARY.

Special needs are those things needed by a child not covered by the foster parent stipend.

- Emergency beds & cribs
- Summer camp
- Emergency/Initial placement clothing
- Extracurricular activities
- Damage & loss
- Infant/toddler safety items
- Vacation travel

CONTACT US

Email (preferred):

fcs.ocs.special.needs.hotline@alaska.gov

Placement support needs:

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1-855-60-FUNDS
(1-855-603-8637)

Option 1: Special Needs
Option 2: Placement Support
Option 3: Child Care



RESOURCE FAMILY **Bill of Rights**



**Working Together For
Alaska's Children In Care**

Respect

Resource families can expect to be treated with respect when interacting with staff of the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services and be included in discussions about the child prior to case planning, administrative reviews, TDMs and court hearings.

CPS 1.3, 3.1, 3.2.1

Fair Hearing

Resource families have the right to a fair hearing on licensure actions involving their home including access to an appeal process if given a plan of correction or if a license is revoked. Resource families have the right to include a written response to a completed investigation, despite the outcome, to be included in the foster care licensing file.

CPS 1.6

Grievance

Resource families have the right to use the grievance procedure established by the Office of Children's Services to make their concerns known without the fear of reprisal.

CPS 1.6

Communication

Resource families can expect regular visits from the child's caseworker to exchange information, plan together, and discuss any concerns about the child.

CPS 3.2.1

[Child Protection Services
\(CPS\) Policy Manual](#)



Notice

Resource families have the right to be given notice of a placement change of a child in their home under non-emergency conditions and have the right to challenge a placement change under non-emergency conditions.

CPS 3.6.1

Permissions

Resource families have the right to sign for permissions for everyday events (as long as they don't go against regulations or statute) using a reasonable and prudent parent standard to decide based on the child's age and developmental level about child and youth participation in cultural, extra-curricular, social, and enrichment activities.

CPS 6.5.4

Religion

Resource families have the right to practice their religion and spiritual practices in their home as long as the religious and spiritual practices of the child's birth family are also respected.

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Privacy

Resource families have the right to work with the caseworker on how family contact will be maintained in the home. Resource families will make the decision on what contact information will be provided to the parents/caregivers and the decision to allow birth family visits in the home.

CPS 6.5.6

Disclosure

Resource families moving toward adoption of a foster child have the right to full disclosure of information regarding the child before the finalization of the child's adoption.

CPS 3.14.2

Involvement

Resource families have the right to receive notice of court hearings involving a child placed in their home.

CPS 6.6.3

Training

Resource families have the right to request training for foster children in their care. An individualized training plan (ITP) will be developed with the foster parent(s). The training plan is designed to strengthen the foster parent's ability to meet the needs of the children in care.

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Information

Resource families have the right to receive known information on each child who is to be placed in the foster home including educational, medical and behavioral information as well as the strengths and needs of the child.

CPS 2.6.1

Options

Resource families have the right to decide whether to accept placement of a child into their foster home. Resource families have the right to set a limit to the number of children that can be placed in their foster home within legal and licensing capacity.

CPS 2.6.1

Placement

Resource families have the right to request a change in placement of a child from their home. Resource families shall provide notice to the child's caseworker at least 14 calendar days in advance when requesting a placement change of a child except when the health or safety of a household would be endangered by the child's continued placement.

CPS 3.6.1