



YOUTH OFFENDER FOSTER HOME AGREEMENT

State of Oregon
OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY

This agreement between the State of Oregon Youth Authority (hereinafter referred to as OYA) and foster parents _____ and _____

when attached to the Youth Offender Foster Home Certificate of Approval establishes the terms under which youth offenders may be placed with the foster parents. OYA has certified that the foster home meets applicable Foster Home Administrative Rules and enters into this agreement in anticipation of requiring the foster parents' services. However, it is understood that signing of this agreement does not guarantee placement of youth in this home.

1. The term of this agreement shall begin _____, 20____, and shall be effective for the duration of the foster home provisional and/or regular Certificate of Approval unless terminated early in accordance with item 4.d. below. Termination or revocation of the Youth Offender Foster Home Certificate at any time shall automatically terminate this agreement. Agreements are to be reviewed and signed on an annual basis at the time of re-certification.

2. OYA Shall:

- a. Prior to placement, provide the foster parents with information on the background of the youth, including a reformation/case plan for the youth, court orders and applicable probation and parole agreement.
- b. Inform foster parents of the responsibilities of OYA in regard to the youth placed and involve foster parents in current and future planning for the youth.
- c. In cooperation with the foster parents, arrange for regular visits by parents or relatives.
- d. Provide funds to meet initial clothing needs of the youth within resources available and in accordance with OYA policy.
- e. Provide record of immunizations when available and arrange with foster parents for medical examination within 30 days unless the youth has had an examination within the last six months and the information is available to the foster parents. (Medical Identification Card will be provided by the Office of Medical Assistance Programs in accordance with Administrative Rules.)
- f. Review the placement and case plan at least once every 3 months for ongoing care.
- g. Contact the youth and foster parents at least monthly or as mutually agreed upon.
- h. When there is a change of worker, notify the foster parents immediately of the name of the new worker or the temporary Parole/Probation Officer or Supervisor. The new worker will contact the foster parents within 30 days of receipt of the case.
- i. If OYA fails to provide services or information in accordance with this agreement, foster parents may contact the OYA Supervisor and request a grievance review.
- j. Reimburse the foster parents by check monthly, or more often in accordance with established OYA procedures, for foster family care provided to named youth(s) at the current approved rate of _____ (subject to contract rate change). Invoice billing is required.
- k. Reimburse the foster parent for the day the youth enters the home but not pay for the day the youth leaves the home.
- l. Recover any overpayments made by deducting over amounts from future payments and/or billings.

3. Foster Parents Shall:

- a. Maintain and operate a foster home which is safe for youth and the community.
- b. Promote emotional growth and positive self esteem, and accountability in the youth by providing clear expectations, age appropriate limits and consequences of behavior. Teach by positive example. Avoid all forms of physical discipline in accordance with OYA's Policy and Administrative Rule.
- c. Be available for youth placement and services as agreed upon with OYA.
- d. Utilize payments made by OYA to provide maintenance for the youth, including housing, clothing, food etc. and transportation.
- e. Recognize OYA's responsibility for planning for the youth as provided in Oregon Law, and cooperate with OYA in carrying out the reformation plan/case plan.
- f. Cooperate in visiting arrangements between the youth and their family when such visits are included in the reformation plan/case plan.
- g. Maintain confidentiality about the youth or the youth's family except when authorized by OYA, in accordance with OAR rules and policy.
- h. Notify the OYA immediately of any arrest, conviction or dismissal of any charges made against anyone living in the household including adult volunteers or employees or unrelated persons.

