

San Francisco 0-6 Initiative Caregiver Expectations/Support

EXPECTATIONS FOR CAREGIVERS	SUPPORT FROM DEPTS.
Relational and Emotional Permanence	
Reduced number of children in home	DHS continually does recruitment
Cooling off period between placement of children (9 months)	
Providing a developmentally stimulating environment (reading to children, listening to music, playing with blocks, daily outdoor time/physical activity, limited TV time, talking to children)	Provide caregivers extra education and supports
Working as a team with bio parents, including involving parents in child's appointments, planning, and mentoring when appropriate	Involve bio parents in training, provide bio parents and caregivers access to parent partners
Keeping bio parent informed of child's milestones, growth (journaling, photo albums)	Provide caregiver material such as journals, camera, etc.)
Extra emphasis on developing attachment (picking up baby when crying, extensive one on one time etc.)	Provide caregivers extra education and support
Following plan for continuity of medical care developed by DPH and DHS	DPH develop list of quality providers with DPH relationships, DPH and DHS develop plan quickly,
Fulfilling all child's medical needs timely	DHS articulates what caregivers have authority to decide
Seeking out and participating in social activities for child	
Participation in developmental activities such as Headstart and Infant Mental health	DHS refer child to Headstart, EHS, and IMH
Promoting child's relationships with people who are special to him, including sibs and extended family	
Participate in child's court proceedings	
Participate in support and training	DHS gives priority for placement