

County of Ventura Partnership Agreement



Children and youth need loving and skillful parenting that honors their loyalty to their birth family, helps them remain connected to their culture and community, and their need to develop and maintain permanent lifelong connections.



RESOURCE PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Caregivers and Agency Staff Work Together as Respected Partners

- Caregivers will conduct themselves in a professional manner and will work together with Agency staff as a respected partner.
- Caregivers will share all relevant information and will provide input for the child's case plan.
- Caregivers will respect the privacy & confidentiality of all information related to the child & family.
- Caregivers will participate in all team meetings and court hearings.
- Caregivers will obtain and maintain records that are important and relevant to the child's well-being.

Supporting Families

- Caregivers will facilitate continuity for the child, with birth family by encouraging participation in medical related care, school, and other important activities.
- Caregivers will facilitate a smooth transition to another placement by sharing information about the needs of the child.
- Caregivers will respect and support the child's ties to family (parents, siblings, extended family members), and other significant relationships, and will assist the child in maintaining these relationships through facilitating appropriate family time visits and other forms of communication in accordance with the case plan.

Nurturing Children and Youth

- Caregivers will provide excellent parenting by being trauma informed.
- Caregivers must be willing and able to learn about child's culture & ethnicity to support the child's connections.
- Caregivers will fully incorporate the child into their family activities, including vacations.
- Caregiver will not give notice to remove child unless the removal is demonstrated to be in the best interest of the child or poses a safety risk to the child, caregivers or others in the home.
- Caregiver will participate and adhere to the child's transition plan developed by team members.
- Caregivers will advocate for children with the Agency, the court, and community agencies.
- Caregivers will provide developmentally appropriate opportunities to allow children and youth to learn and practice life skills and have hands-on experiences in preparation for transition to adulthood.
- Caregivers are expected to take advantage of all trainings they need to improve their skills as excellent parents.
- Caregivers will support the child's school success; including: participating in IEP meetings, attending school events, school conferences assisting with school assignments and advocate/support tutoring

X _____
ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, *Caregiver* DATE

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County of Ventura Co-Parenting and Co-Sharing of Information Agreement



Co-Parenting and Co-Sharing Understanding

- **We agree** to work together and ensure that all important information related to _____ is shared with one another. We agree that this can take place by sharing important information in a journal or through other agreed upon mode of communication. Information like next doctor's appointment, school activities, major behavior changes and other pertinent information.
- **We agree** to respect each other's boundaries and we will honor one another as caretakers for the child/ren.
- **We agree** to be kind and patient with one another.
- **We agree** that we will communicate frequently in order to ensure that all important information is shared.
- **We agree** that we will address partnership challenges with each other in a respectful and solution focused manner.
- **We agree** that we will keep visitation schedules to ensure consistency and predictability for the child.
- **We agree** to speak positively about each other in front of the child and will model partnership to decrease confusion and anxiety.

X _____
Birth Family *DATE*

X _____
Caregiver *DATE*