

Be It Enacted *by the People of the State of Oregon*:

# FOSTER PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS



**A foster parent has the right to:**

**1 Be treated with dignity**, respect and trust as a member of a team, including respect for the family values and routines of the foster parent.

**2 Be included as a valued member of a team** that provides care and planning for a foster child placed in the home of the foster parent.

**3 Receive support services**, as resources permit, from the Department of Human Services that are designed to assist in the care of the foster child placed in the home of the foster parent.

**4 Be informed of any condition** that relates solely to a foster child placed in the home of the foster parent that may jeopardize the health or safety of the foster parent or other members of the home or alter the manner in which foster care should be provided to the foster child. The information shall include complete access to written reports, psychological evaluations and diagnoses that relate solely to a foster child placed in the home of the foster parent provided that confidential information given to a foster parent must be kept confidential by the foster parent, except as necessary to promote or to protect the health and welfare of the foster child and the community.

**5 Have input into a permanency plan** for a foster child placed in the home of the foster parent.

**6 Receive assistance** from the department in dealing with family loss and separation when the foster child leaves the home of the foster parent.

**7 Be informed of all policies and procedures** of the department that relate to the role of the foster parent.

**8 Be informed of how to receive services** and to have access to department personnel or service providers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**9 Initiate an inactive referral status** for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 12 months, to allow a foster parent relief from caring for foster children.

**10 Not be discriminated against** on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

**11 Be notified of the foster parent's right** to limited participation in proceedings in the juvenile court and provided with an explanation of that right.