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Dear ,

Parenting foster children comes with its own unique set of challenges. You may find yourself in some unfamiliar territory, so you will need a plan of action to successfully navigate whatever is thrown your way. Below is an outline of a Parenting Plan that all families should have. This will become your go-to guide that you will reference when you have a question about who to call in a certain situation, and how to handle certain behaviors and challenges that arise. A copy of the Parenting Plan is attached to this email. Fill it out and print it after you are selected for a child or sibling group so you are prepared for placement. Make changes and modifications as they arise.

#### **What goes in a Parenting Plan?**

A Parenting Plan consists of the following information:

-Caseworker's name, daytime phone number, evening phone number (for emergencies), and a cell phone number.

-If applicable, the names of the child's former foster parents, and their phone numbers.

-Name of the child's therapist, and their daytime phone number, evening phone number, and cell phone number.

-Information on who to call first if there is an emergency during the day, or if there is an emergency in the evening.

-Other things to include are the child's behaviors and needs, what those look like, and a plan of action for working through them as they arise.

Filling out the parenting plan ahead of placement is always a good idea, so you can be prepared for when emergency situations arise.

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