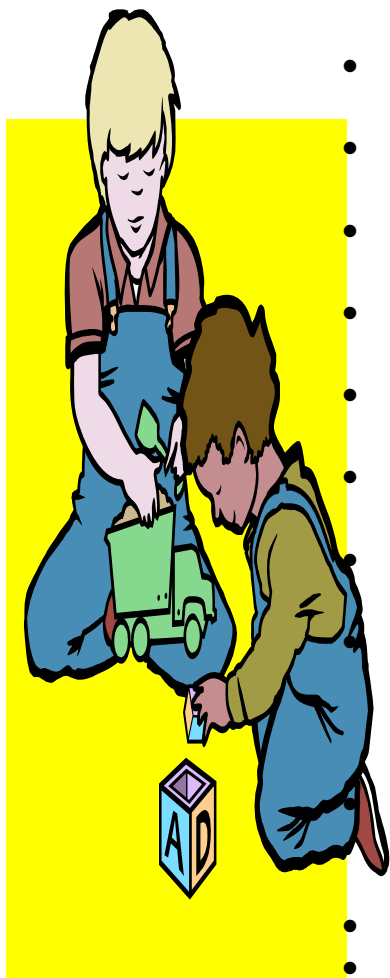


SIBLINGS BILL OF RIGHTS



- What type of effort should be made to keep siblings groups together?
- Should licensed foster homes be allowed to take as many children as necessary to keep a sibling group together?
- How much contact should siblings have and how should a child's/youth's case plan reflect this?
- How much control should children/youth in care have over whether to request or reject visits or contact with siblings?
- How much input should a child/youth have into the decision of whether to be placed with siblings?
- Should a child/youth have input into decisions regarding their siblings?
- Should children/youth know why they cannot be placed with siblings?
- Should siblings have the right to all contact information for their siblings?
- Should children/youth who are living with siblings in out-of-home care have the right to live with parents who have been raised in areas such as sibling rivalry, parentification, large family issues, and the special needs of one or more of the children?
- Do children/youth in out-of-home care have the right to be placed in the same community, and if possible, the same school as their siblings when placement in the same home is not possible?
- Do siblings have the right to the same caseworker?
- Do siblings have the right to joint therapy sessions?
- Do siblings have the right to shared vacations and/or respite care?
- Do children/youth in out-of-home care have the right to have, where appropriate, uncensored communication with their siblings, including receiving and sending unopened communications and unmonitored telephone calls?
- Do children/youth have the right to be placed away from siblings who are known to pose a threat of harm to them, either because of their own risk factors or those of their siblings?
- Do siblings have a right to be able to raise grievance with the department over sibling visitation?