

## You have Family Rights too!

- *If the judge says it okay, you can have visits with your family.*
- *You can have visits with siblings, even if they are not in foster care.*
- *Visits with your siblings cannot be withheld as a form of punishment.*

**Talk to your foster mom or dad about a good time for you to use some of these Rights. If somebody does not follow these Rights, let someone know; you won't get in trouble for telling. You can tell:**

- *Your caseworker;*
- *Your guardian ad litem or CASA;*
- *Your attorney;*
- *Your foster mom or foster dad;*
- *An adult that helps your foster mom or dad take care of you in your foster home;*
- *The judge.*



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**Kids that are in foster care have rights. These rights are written in the law. Rights are kind of like rules about how foster kids need to be treated while they are in foster care. Here are your rights:**



### **You have the right to live:**

- *In a home where you can feel safe and happy;*
- *Where you feel that your foster family likes you;*
- *You have enough clothes and warm clothes for winter;*
- *And you get enough food to eat and the food is good for you.*

### **You have the right to be:**

- *In a foster home with your brothers and sisters if it is okay with the judge;*
- *Able to stay with a member of your family like a grandmother & grandfather, aunt & uncle or other family member (if they are approved by the foster care people) or, when the judge thinks it is safe, to stay in your own home.*

### **You have the right to:**

- *Have your foster mom & dad be polite and nice to you, even when they are mad or upset;*
- *Write letters and send them in the mail and to open letters you get in the mail;*
- *Go, or not go, to church, temple or other house of God or faith;*
- *Keep your own money;*
- *Play with other children and do things that are fun in other places than at your foster home;*
- *Talk to your caseworker or other adults who are helping you in foster care every month; and talk to them alone if you want;*
- *Have the judge or your caseworker tell you what is going to happen next for you and your family. And to have them listen to you when you tell them what you think about it;*
- *Have your caseworker tell you before*

*you have to move to a different foster home or when something else is going to change;*

- *Have someone keep a picture and other information about you, so it can help them find you if you get lost;*
- *Learn how to take care of yourself like an adult once you are 15-years-old or older.*

### **You have the Medical and Health right to:**

- *See a doctor to make sure you are okay and that you stay healthy;*
- *Not take medicine that makes you feel bad.*

### **You have school rights. You should be able to:**

- *Go to school or preschool when you are old enough;*
- *Keep doing after school activities or sports like you did before you were in foster care;*
- *Have someone help you when your school work is too hard;*
- *Have no adults at school tell anyone that you are in foster care;*
- *Find out how you can go to college when you are in high school.*