

FOSTER PARENT FACTS

I'm a foster parent...Now what?

CONFIDENTIALITY

Sharing family photos and stories is a normal part of

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"I FEEL RICH"

Guest Columnist
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Make sure you are up-to-date on the confidentiality requirements all licensed foster parents agree to abide by during and after the time a child is placed in their home.

SCDSS Regulations
Section W - Confidentiality States:

(1) No foster family or adoptive placement home shall directly or indirectly disclose any information regarding foster children, their biological families, or other individuals who have had control of the foster children, other than to professionals treating, caring for, and providing services for the child or others as SCDSS or the licensed child placing agency deems appropriate.

(2) No foster family or adoptive placement home shall post identifying information about foster children placed in their homes, including pictures on any closed or open social media group. Schools, daycares, and other extracurricular or child care services may post pictures of foster children with permission from the agency.

(3) Information about a foster child that is disclosed shall be limited to information that is necessary to provide for the child's needs and in their best interest.

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FOSTER PARENT TESTIMONIAL

"I FEEL RICH" This statement was made one night as our family sat down to dinner at the table by a teen who had

only recently come into our home. At the moment I found this statement odd. Our place settings, table, nor food are extravagant, so I asked the teen why she felt that way. Her reasoning was one shared many times over the years from other teens who sat in her exact spot. Prior to coming to our home dinner was eaten in a bedroom, alone, not sitting around the table spending time in community laughing and arguing over the last potatoes.

The circumstances she noticed are not by accident. When my biological children were young and involved in many different activities our family often ate on the go. However, on the nights we were home, we sat at the table and took the time to fellowship and spend time together as a family. We found it also helps with mindless eating, correlates to smaller portions, assists teaching social and table manners.

We carried this tradition into how we facilitate dinner with any children in foster care living with us. Many come back to visit and say sitting around the table for dinner was what they enjoyed most about our house and miss in their current lives.

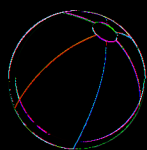
Children need connection - even if it's in chaos, eating burnt dinner, or talking with their mouth full of food - and the table is one of the best places to provide it to all children. Whether they are only there for a night or staying forever, we have opportunity to show them a way they truly experience richness, no matter the place setting.

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Foster parent of 20+ years and 100+ children

SUMMER CHILD CARE AND CAMPS



Summer is almost here and we all know planning for summer starts well before it's arrival!

Below are ideas to get you started!

- o YVCA Camps
- o Church camps
- o Royal Kids Camp (Lowcountry)
- o Community centers
- o Boys and Girl's Clubs

Scan your smartphone camera over the QR code

to find the summer activity resources specific



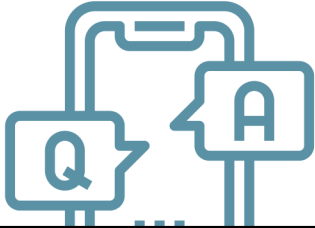
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- o Three Rivers Respite Camp
- o Daycare/childcare center (DSS Childcare services)

QUESTIONS? VA USA @ 803-898-4174

Guide for Shared Case-Related Information

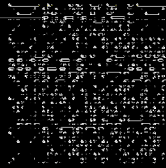
Ever wonder what information case managers can share with foster parents about a child's case, background, and family history? Confused over why information is shared at some instances, but not others?



The newly developed FAQs of Shared Information is your resource for what is permissible by state statute to share between SCDSS and Foster Parents

about the child(ren) in your foster case.

Scan the QR code with a smartphone to locate this resource on the SCDSS website.



Emergency Situations with Children in Foster Care

- For emergency situations use the below order of contact:
 - Immediate health and safety concerns of child or others: contact 911.
 - Emergency, but not immediate health and safety concerns, during business hours: Contact case manager or supervisor.



- If you cannot reach the case management team, or it's while the offices are closed, contact the regional placement unit for your child's managing county and the intake unit in the county as needed. Information for each region is below.

- If you cannot reach the regional placement team contact the Intake Hub at 803-253-3487.

AFTER HOURS REGIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Upstate: 864-617-8137

Midstate: 803-651-0354

Lowcountry: 803-253-9139

For more: 813-616-7004





FOSTER CARE

FOSTER PARENTS

Find information on roles within DSS and other case

management roles, including foster parent roles

and expectations of foster parents

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Send a check to DSS

Scan the QR code to the right to view and download the Foster

Family Handbook on the DSS website

SC.gov

family handbook on the DSS website

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Fill out the application of your information.

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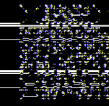
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QR code on the right to visit the official SC Child Care website for more information.

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Email questions to foster@dmr@dss.sc.gov

CHILD AND ADULT INFORMATION PORTAL (CAIP)

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to CAIP Access:

1. Go to SC PA Training Staff Portal at www.scpa.com

1. Complete a

2. Create a user name and password from SC DSS to access CAIP. This can take a few weeks

2. After successful

3. After you receive your information after that time, please reach out to dmr@dss.sc.gov

3. From training

4. Access CAIP using a smartphone, tablet, desktop or laptop computer.

4. Register CAIP

View and update your information and add additional children you are in your care.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

SC PA offers courses and trainings for foster parents.

Live Webinars

Recorded Webinars

Go to SC Foster Parents Training & Resources (scpa.com)

SC PA offers many recorded trainings that you can

Click on "Open Training Calendar"

access anytime, day or night. Just go to www.scpa.com

Search by event type or just scroll down to the bottom and select

and create a DSS account.

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