

**VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT —  
PLACEMENT REQUEST**

One copy to: *Parents or Guardian*  
*Agency File*  
*Foster Care Facility File*

I request that:

The child welfare department of \_\_\_\_\_ County

The \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption Agency **or**  
The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) acting as an adoption agency

place \_\_\_\_\_ in a foster care facility.  
(CHILD'S NAME)

The reason for my request is \_\_\_\_\_.

**CHILD'S LEGAL STATUS**

The child is under the age of 18, and my legal responsibility as a parent or guardian ..... YES NO

By signing this agreement

- I give custody and control of my child to the county welfare department, the public or private adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency to arrange for my child's care, supervision, custody, conduct, maintenance and support, including medical care.
- I authorize the county welfare department, the public or private adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency and the home or facility where my child will be staying to give legal consent for medical care, school attendance and the other services my child may need. But I **do not** authorize the home or facility or the county welfare department, the public or private adoption agency specified above, or to the CDSS acting as an adoption agency to give consent for \_\_\_\_\_.
- I understand that voluntary placement is usually limited to six months, but sometimes six more months can be approved for a total period not to exceed twelve months.
- I understand that my child may be eligible for benefits under the foster care program.
- I understand that the voluntary placement laws are in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11400(n) and Sections 16507.3 through 16507.6 and that I can get help from the county if I want a copy.
- I understand that I can withdraw this request or terminate this placement agreement at any time.

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREES TO**

1. Give the county welfare department, the public or private adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency the information they need to decide how much I will pay (if anything) for my child's care.
2. Tell the county welfare department, the public or private adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency if my address or phone number changes.
3. Visit my child when scheduled with the home or facility where my child will be staying.
4. Allow the county welfare department, the adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency to move my child to another home or facility if necessary.
5. Allow my child to participate in the activities planned by the home or facility, including trips within California.
6. Do what my child's service plan says I should do.
7. Talk to the county welfare department, the adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency about any problems my child or I might have with the home or facility where my child will be staying.
8. Tell the county welfare department, the public or private adoption agency specified above, or the CDSS acting as an adoption agency before I move my child out of the home or facility

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE CHILD.**

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN		CHILD PLACEMENT WORKER	
ADDRESS		ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE	ALTERNATE PHONE		
DATE		OFFICE PHONE	

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

## **THE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE ADOPTION AGENCY, OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AGREES TO**

1. Choose a suitable home or facility for the child with the involvement of the parent or guardian and the child, to visit the home or facility before the child moves in, and to place the child when a home or facility is found.
2. Write a service plan for the child, to talk to the parent or guardian about the plan, and to arrange for the services listed in the plan.
3. Help the home or facility to arrange for school, medical care, and the other services the child will need.
4. Tell the parent or guardian immediately if the child needs emergency medical care or hospitalization.
5. Tell the parent or guardian when a placement change is necessary and why.
6. Follow a written grievance procedure if the parent or guardian does not agree with decisions that affect the child.
7. Make all arrangements for the care, supervision, custody, conduct maintenance and support of the child, including medical care.
8. Authorize the home or facility to use this agreement as the parent or guardian's legal consent for medical care, school attendance and other services the child may need, with the exceptions listed on this agreement, if any.

### **CHILD'S RIGHTS**

Every child in a community care facility has the rights listed in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. If your child is in a foster family home, your child's rights are:

1. To be accorded dignity in his/her personal relationships with staff and other persons.
2. To be accorded safe, healthful and comfortable accommodations, furnishings and equipment to meet his/her needs.
3. To be free from corporal or unusual punishment, infliction of pain, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, coercion, threat, mental abuse, or other actions of a punitive nature, including but not limited to interference with the daily living functions, including eating, sleeping or toileting; or withholding of shelter, clothing, medication, or aids to physical functioning.
4. To be informed and to have his/her authorized representative, if any, informed by the licensee of the provisions of the law regarding complaints including, but not limited to, the address and telephone number of the compliant receiving unit of the licensing agency, and of information regarding confidentiality.
5. To be free to attend religious services or activities of his/her choice and to have visits from the spiritual advisor of his/her choice.
6. To leave or depart the facility at any time. (This provision shall not apply to minors and other clients for whom a guardian, conservator, or other legal authority has been appointed.)
7. Not to be locked in any room, building, or facility premises by day or night.
8. Not to be placed in any restraining device, except a supportive restraint approved in advance by the licensing agency as specified in Title 22, CCR, Section 80072(a)(8)(A) through (E).
9. To receive or reject medical care, or health-related services, except for minors and other clients for whom a guardian, conservator, or other legal authority has been appointed.
10. To visit the facility with his/her relatives and/or authorized representative(s) prior to admission.
11. To file a complaint with the facility, as specified in Title 22, CCR, Section 84072.2.
12. To have the facility inform his/her authorized representative(s) of his/her progress at the facility.
13. To have communications to the facility from his/her relatives and authorized representative(s) answered promptly and completely.
14. To have visitors visit privately during waking hours without prior notice, provided that such visitations are not prohibited by the child's needs and services plan; do not infringe upon the rights of other children; do not disrupt planned activities; and are not prohibited by court order or by the child's authorized representative.
15. To wear his/her own clothes.
16. To possess and use his/her own toilet articles.
17. To possess and use his/her own cash resources except as specified in Title 22, Section 84026.
18. To possess and use his/her own personal items unless prohibited as part of a discipline program.
19. To have access to individual storage space for his/her private use.
20. To have access to telephones in order to make and receive confidential calls, provided that such calls are not prohibited by the child's needs and services plan; are not prohibited as a form of discipline; do not infringe upon the rights of other children; do not restrict availability or the telephone during emergencies; and are not prohibited by court order or by the child's authorized representative(s).
21. To send and receive unopened correspondence unless prohibited by court order or by the child's authorized representative(s).

If your child is placed in a group home, California Code of Regulations Sections 80072 and 85072 list your child's rights, If your child is placed with a foster family agency, Sections 80072 and 83072 list your child's rights.