

REFERENCE TITLE: foster parents; rights

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Introduced by
Representatives Barto, Murphy: Goodale

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-530; RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE AND PLACEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding section 8-530, to read:
4 8-530. Foster parents; rights
5 A. A FOSTER PARENT IN THIS STATE HAS THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:
6 1. TO BE TREATED WITH CONSIDERATION AND RESPECT FOR THE FOSTER
7 PARENT'S PERSONAL DIGNITY AND PRIVACY.
8 2. TO BE INCLUDED AS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE TEAM THAT PROVIDES
9 SERVICES TO THE FOSTER CHILD.
10 3. TO RECEIVE SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ASSIST THE FOSTER PARENT TO CARE
11 FOR THE CHILD IN THE FOSTER HOME, INCLUDING OPEN AND TIMELY RESPONSES FROM
12 AGENCY PERSONNEL.
13 4. TO BE INFORMED OF ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHILD THAT WILL
14 IMPACT THE FOSTER HOME OR FAMILY LIFE DURING THE CARE OF THE FOSTER CHILD.
15 5. TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PERMANENCY PLAN FOR THE CHILD IN THE FOSTER
16 HOME.
17 6. TO BE ASSURED OF SAFETY OF THE FOSTER PARENT'S FAMILY MEMBERS.
18 7. TO BE ASSISTED IN DEALING WITH FAMILY LOSS AND SEPARATION WHEN A
19 CHILD LEAVES THE FOSTER HOME.
20 8. TO BE INFORMED OF ALL AGENCY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT RELATE TO
21 THE FOSTER PARENT'S ROLE AS A FOSTER PARENT.
22 9. TO RECEIVE TRAINING THAT WILL ENHANCE THE FOSTER PARENT'S SKILLS
23 AND ABILITY TO COPE AS FOSTER PARENT.
24 10. TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES AND REACH PERSONNEL ON A TWENTY-FOUR
25 HOUR, SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK BASIS.
26 11. TO BE GRANTED A REASONABLE PLAN FOR RELIEF FROM THE ROLE OF FOSTER
27 PARENT.
28 12. TO CONFIDENTIALITY REGARDING ISSUES THAT ARISE IN THE FOSTER HOME.
29 13. TO NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION, RACE,
30 COLOR, CREED, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR PHYSICAL HANDICAP.
31 14. TO RECEIVE AN EVALUATION ON THE FOSTER PARENT'S PERFORMANCE.
32 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT ESTABLISH ANY CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF
33 ANY PERSON.