



**Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Guidelines for
Benton County Foster Parents**

1. Always discuss issues, concerns, etc. with the child's case manager. It is best to discuss new activities with case managers before they occur.
2. Always be aware of the child's whereabouts (address, phone number, and names of others they may be staying with/riding with).
3. Be aware and follow appropriate laws (i.e., ATV laws, minor aged drivers, etc.).
4. **ALWAYS follow the placement plan.**
5. When possible/appropriate, get parent approval for activities and items such as haircuts/color, piercings, attendance of new religious events, jobs, babysitting, etc.
6. Remember that anything that would involve taking a child out of state requires communication with the case manager and courts.
7. Participation in high-risk activities require communication with the case manager (i.e., motor cross snowmobile, ATV, horse-riding, white-water rafting, etc.)
8. It is highly recommended that overnight stays away from the foster home be discussed with the case manager. Stays away from the foster home for more than three days require permission from the case manager.
9. Foster parents should meet the responsible adult living in the home where foster children visit and should exchange contact information.
10. No overnight visits away from the home should be approved within the first 60 days, except with family as allowed in the visitation plan.
11. Use of cell phones and social media should be discussed with the case manager.