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Caregiver Handbook (Last Updated 7/9/2010)
Caregiver Handbook (pdf)

Programmatic Policies and Procedures effective 04/01/2010 (Last Updated: 07/09/2010)
Programmatic Policies and Procedures (pdf)

DFPS Minimum Standards for Child Placing Agencies and Agency Homes effective 01/01/2007 (Last Updated: 02/17/2007)
Minimum Standards for Child-Placing Agencies (pdf) *

A document showing the weight of citations specified by DFPS for licensing deficiencies (Last Updated: 03/21/07)
749 Weights (xls) *

A summary and reference of the Texas Administrative Code - Communicable Diseases Statutes - A summary of the diseases managed by the Centers for Disease Control (Last Updated: 02/20/2007)
TAC Communicable Diseases Summary (doc) *

Pre-Placement Policies for DFPS as Guardian of a Foster/Adoptive Child - A document containing specific policies pertinent in the selection of Refuge House as a Child Placing Agency for a foster/adoptive child for whom DFPS is the conservator/legal guardian. These policies include Discharge Policies, Discipline Policy, Emergency Behavior Intervention Policy, Adoption Policies and Treatment Services Policies. (Last Updated: 2010)
Pre-Placement Policies for DFPS (pdf)

Historical DocumentsThe Foster Parent Handbook effective through December 31, 2007 (Last Updated 07/06/2007)
Foster Parent Handbook (pdf)

The policies and procedures in effect until December 31, 2007
Agency Policies and Procedures (doc) Helpful Links

The State of Texas
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (formerly Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services) - www.dfps.state.tx.us
Texas State Foster Parents, Inc. - www.tsfp.org/

Information

TX Alliance of Children and Family Services - www.tacfs.org/
Child Welfare League - www.cwla.org/
National Foster Parent Association - www.nfpainc.org/
Youth for Tomorrow - www.yft.org/
Texas Foster Family Association - www.tffa.org/
Foster Family-Based Treatment Association - www.ffa.org/
www.fosteradream.org/
Tarrant County Foster Parent Association - www.4fosterparents.org/
www.needykids.org/

Parenting Resources and Training

Great training classes in the Metroplex - Many are FREE! - theparentingcenter.org/
On-line training for \$4-\$6 per class - www.fosterparents.com/
www.fosterparenting.com/
Unlimited training for one year for \$30 - www.fosterparenttraining.com/
Listing of local training classes and informative articles - www.dallasparents.org/
On-line training - www.childrenscenter.com/
www.parentsoup.com/
Free on-line training - www.childtraumaacademy.com/
Free on-line training - www.fosterparentnet.org/

On-line training for \$8 per 30-45 minute course - www.sociallearning.com/
www.connectforkids.com/
Focus on the Family - www.family.org/

Youth Resources

www.fosterclub.com/
Purchase training products for teens transitioning out of foster care - www.sociallearning.com/
Free SAT and ACT test preparation - www.number2.com/
www.youthnoise.com/
Homework Help and fun activities - www.school.discovery.com/students/
National Geographic - www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/
Transitional Resource Action Center for teens aging out of foster care - www.traconline.org/
Casey Family Programs for teens aging out of foster care - www.casey.org/

Adoption Resources

North American Council on Adoptable Children - www.nacac.org/
Adoptive Families Together - www.adoptivefamilies.org/
www.adoption.com/
www.adoptuskids.org/
Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE) - www.dfps.state.tx.us