

## AGENCY/FOSTER PARENTS AGREEMENT

In consideration of mutual obligations and in order to promote a clear understanding of the factors involved in providing foster care, the following agreement is being entered into by \_\_\_\_\_ (foster parents) and

**The Unique Caring Foundation, Inc.**

### THE FOSTER PARENT(S) AGREE;

- to allow the representative of the agency to visit the home in conjunction with licensing procedures, foster care planning, and placement;
- to accept children into the home only through the agency and not through other individuals, agencies, or institutions;
- to treat a child placed in the home as a member of the family, and when so advised by the agency, to make every effort to support, encourage, and enhance the child's relationship with the child's birth parents;
- that there will be continuous contact and exchange of information between the agency and the foster parents about matters affecting the adjustment of any child placed in the home. The parents shall agree to keep these matters confidential and to discuss them only with the appropriate agency staff members, or with other professional people designated by the agency;
- to obtain the permission of the agency if the child is to be out of the home for a period exceeding two nights;
- to report to the agency any changes in the composition of the household, change of address, or change in the employment status of any adult member of the household;
- to make no independent plans for a child to visit the home of the child's birth parents or relatives without prior consent from the agency;
- to adhere to the PCP and agency's plan of medical care, both for routine care and treatment and for emergency care and hospitalization;
- to provide any child placed in the home with responsible supervision at all times while the child is in the home, and not leave the child unsupervised, and adhere to the supervision requirements specified in the out-of-home family services agreement or person-centered plan.

THE UNIQUE CARING FOUNDATION, INC. AGREES;

- to assume responsibility for the overall planning for the child, and to assist the foster parents in meeting their day-to-day responsibility toward the child;
- to inform the foster parents concerning the agency's procedures and financial responsibility for obtaining medical care and hospitalization;
- to pay the foster parents a monthly room and board payment of that reflects the experiences of the foster parents and the intensity of the need of the foster child;
- to discuss with the parents any plans to remove a child from the family/therapeutic foster home, and to give the foster parents reasonable notice before removing a child;
- to visit the family foster home and child regularly AND ACCORDING TO THE Out-Of-Home Family Services Agreement or Person-Centered Plan, and to be available to give needed services and consultation concerning the child's welfare;
- to respect to the extent possible the foster parents' preferences in terms of sex, age range, and number of children placed in the home;
- to provide or arrange for training for the foster parents;
- to include foster parents as part of the decision-making team for a child, and
- to allow foster parents to review and receive copies of their licensing record.

**Special Provisions as applicable:**

**Signature: *We have read the foregoing statements and have retained a copy of this document.***

Foster Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative of (The Unique Caring Foundation, Inc.):**

Signature/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_