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**Monitoring the Safety and Well-Being of the Child or Young Adult in Substitute Care**

- (1) To monitor the safety and well-being of the *child* or *young adult* in *substitute care*, the caseworker must make the following contacts:
  - (a) *Face-to-face contact* with the *child* or *young adult* every 30 days;
  - (b) *Contact* with the *certified family* or *provider* every 30 days; and
  - (c) *Face-to-face contact* with the *certified family* or *provider* in the home or facility a minimum of once every 60 days. The *face-to-face contact* must include at least one of the certified adults or providers who provide direct care for the *child* or *young adult*.
  
- (2) The caseworker must monitor and assess the *child* or *young adult's* safety and well-being while in *substitute care* with a *certified family*.
  - (a) Within each 30-day period, the caseworker must complete all of the following activities:
    - (A) Assess the *child* or *young adult's* perceptions of safety and well-being through a conversation with a verbal *child* or *young adult*.
    - (B) Assess the *child* or *young adult's* progress in and adjustment to the placement.
    - (C) Ensure the *certified family* is meeting the *child* or *young adult's* supervision needs, and, when the *child* or *young adult* is receiving a level of care, ensure the supervision described in the supervision plan is meeting the *child* or *young adult's* supervision needs identified in the *CANS screening*.
    - (D) Ensure the *child* or *young adult* is receiving the *personal care services* described in the *personal care services plan*, and, when the *child* or *young adult* has a *personal care services plan*, ensure the services described in the *personal care services plan* are meeting the *child* or *young adult's* identified need for *personal care services*.
    - (E) Ask the *certified family* about the *child* or *young adult's* safety and well-being.
    - (F) Assess the safety and well-being of the *child* or *young adult* in the home by determining whether:
      - (i) The *child* or *young adult* is comfortable and the environment of the home is supportive and safe.
      - (ii) Adults in the home take an active role in caring for and supervising the *child* or *young adult* in the home.
      - (iii) Adult members of the *certified family* possess the physical, emotional, and cognitive capacity to sufficiently care for the *child* or

*young adult.*

- (iv) Members of the *certified family* and the *child* or *young adult* have formal and informal *contact* with others in the community.
  - (v) The *child* or *young adult* is accepted as part of the household.
  - (vi) The *certified family* understands and is attentive to the vulnerability and need to protect the *child* or *young adult*.
  - (vii) The *certified family* is amenable to Department oversight and willing to partner with the Department.
  - (viii) When the *child* or *young adult* is placed with a *relative caregiver*, the *child* or *young adult's* parents and other family members understand the role of the *relative caregiver* in managing the *child* or *young adult's* safety.
  - (ix) The *child* has a sufficiently positive relationship with the certified family's own children who live in the home.
  - (x) The *certified family* is caring for children matching the preferences and experience of the family.
  - (xi) The interactions between the *child* or *young adult* and other children placed in the home are sufficient to assure safety.
  - (xii) The present demands of the home do not exceed the ability of the *certified family* to provide safe and protective care.
- (G) Document the date, time, location, and observations of the conditions that exist in the home in the Department's information system.
- (b) If one or more of the conditions described in paragraph (a)(F) of this section do not exist in the home, and the caseworker cannot confirm safety and well-being of the *child* or *young adult* in the home of the *certified family*, the caseworker must--
- (A) Assess *child* safety immediately and determine if there is a *safety threat* as described in OAR 413-015-0420(1)(f)(A)(i) and (ii).
  - (B) If a *safety threat* is identified, immediately:
    - (i) Consult with the caseworker's supervisor to determine if an immediate protective action is required to assure the child's safety or if any action is required to assure the safety of the *young adult*; and
    - (ii) *Contact* a CPS screener and report the identified *safety threat* to the *child*.
  - (C) Document the behaviors, conditions, or circumstances observed in the

home and any immediate protective actions in the Department's information system.

- (c) When the *child* or *young adult* is currently safe in the home, but the conditions described in this rule or Child Welfare Policy II-B.1, "Certification Standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and Pre-Adoptive Parents" OAR 413-200-0301 to 413-200-0396 are not fully met, the caseworker must:
- (A) Notify the *certifier* or *certifier's* supervisor of the behaviors, conditions, or circumstances observed in the home and document the information in the Department's information system within one business day.
  - (B) The caseworker must have *face-to-face contact* with the *certified family* within the next 30 days and the visit must occur in the home. The caseworker must observe the behaviors, conditions, or circumstances of the *certified family*, the *child* or *young adult*, and other children or young adults in the home, and conditions in the home.
    - (i) When the caseworker can confirm that current conditions in the home provide safety and well-being for the *child* or *young adult*, the caseworker must:
      - (I) Notify the *certifier* of the improved behaviors, conditions, or circumstances in the home; and
      - (II) Document the date, time, location, and observations of the condition of the environment in the Department's information system.
    - (ii) When the caseworker cannot confirm that current conditions in the home provide safety and well-being for the *child* or *young adult*, but after completing the actions required in subsection (2)(b) decides not to remove the *child* or *young adult* from the home, the caseworker must consult with the supervisor to determine whether to recommend to the *certifier* additional services or supports to assist the *certified family*.
- (3) The caseworker must monitor and assess the *child* or young adult's safety and well-being in a *provider* placement.
- (a) Every 30 days the caseworker must:
    - (A) Assess the *child* or young adult's progress in and adjustment to the placement;
    - (B) Assess the *child* or young adult's perception of safety and well-being through a conversation with a verbal *child* or *young adult*;
    - (C) Ask the *provider* about the *child* or young adult's safety and well-being;
    - (D) Assess the safety of the *child* or *young adult* in the home or facility by determining whether:

- (i) The *child* or *young adult* is comfortable and the environment is supportive and safe.
  - (ii) Providers take an active role in caring for and supervising the *child* or *young adult*.
  - (iii) Providers possess the physical, emotional, and cognitive capacity to sufficiently care for the *child* or *young adult*.
  - (iv) The *child* or *young adult* has formal and informal *contact* with others in the community.
  - (v) The *child* or *young adult* is accepted as part of the household or facility.
  - (vi) The *provider* understands and is attentive to the vulnerability of the *child* or *young adult* and need to protect the *child* or *young adult*.
  - (vii) The *provider* is amenable to Department oversight and willing to partner with the Department.
  - (viii) The *child* or *young adult* has a sufficiently positive relationship with other children in the home or facility of the *provider*.
  - (ix) The *provider* is caring for children matching the preferences and experience of the *provider*.
  - (x) The interactions between the *child* or *young adult* and other children placed in the home or facility are sufficient to assure safety.
  - (xi) The present demands of the home or facility do not exceed the ability of the *provider* to provide safe and protective care.
- (E) Document the date, time, location, and observations of the condition of the environment in the Department's information system.
- (b) If one or more of the conditions described in paragraph (a)(D) of this section do not exist in the home or facility, and the caseworker cannot confirm safety and well-being of the *child* or *young adult*, the caseworker must:
- (A) Assess *child* safety immediately and determine if there is a *safety threat* as described in OAR 413-015-0420(1)(f)(A)(i) and (ii).
  - (B) If a *safety threat* is identified, immediately:
    - (i) Consult with the caseworker's supervisor to determine if an immediate protective action is required to assure the child's safety or if any action is required to assure the safety of the *young adult*; and