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"Embracing Action for our Kids in Need."

Date: 3/13/2020

Re: Corona Virus-To SW's, BRS providers

Hello all, I want to inform you of what Foster First will be doing to protect our foster homes, staff and the children during the next six weeks in regards to the Corona Virus.

- 1.) Janitorial staff will be coming in an extra day weekly to sanitize the building.
- 2.) All home visits with family's will be completed via phone until 4/27/2020 then will be re-assessed.
- 3.) Due to school closures we will be supporting our foster parents who work by having the children in the office. (This is NOT daycare only supportive services)
- 4.) All children coming into the office will have their temperature taken if they have a fever the foster parent will need to take them home.
- 5.) No staff will be allowed to come to work if they are sick.
- 6.) Foster First staff will continue to complete CFT's on a monthly basis via phone only.
- 7.) Foster First staff will continue to support mental health counseling and med management appointments.
- 8.) Respite for foster parents will be suspended during this time.
- 9.) New Placements will be assessed on an individual basis.
- 10.) Foster First will follow all safety protocols and practice social distancing until further notice.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank You so much.

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To all Foster First foster parents:

Due to the recent school closures, I want to let our foster parents know how Foster First will be supporting you and reducing the spread of the Corona Virus.

1. Foster First will be having all home visits via phone until 4/27/2020
2. Case aid time will be suspended until 4/27/2020
3. Respite will only be available FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!! Until 4/27/2020
4. Foster First will be open to having school age children at the office for working parents FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY !!! however we can NOT manage all of the children daily. So you will need to:
 - A.) Call the office the day prior to see if we have room at the office for your child. (Foster First needs to maintain a ratio of staff to children 1:3 so the amount of children will depend on the amount of staff we have on that day.
 - B.) We will be taking your child's temperature upon entrance into the building. If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or higher or has any symptoms ie: cough, runny nose ect. The child will not be allowed to stay at the office and you will be asked to take the child home.
 - C.) You will need to send snacks and food for your child for the day.
5. Foster First staff will continue to manage the counseling appointments and medication management appointments.
6. Foster First on-call services will continue to be available.
7. The Foster Parent Quarterly meeting will be canceled until further notice.

Foster First staff deeply regrets having to make these changes but due to the Corona Virus we feel it is necessary to protect all of our foster parents, the children, staff and each other. We hope that all of us can be patient with each other during this time of crisis. Please let us know of other ways we can be supportive.

Thank You !!!!

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