OPENNESS IN ADOPTION

BRIDGING THE GAP OF SEPARATION BETWEEN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
A CONTINUUM OF CONTACT FOR FOSTER PARENTS

- Exchange letters with child’s family via SW
- Call child’s parents on phone
- Request pictures of child’s family to display in child’s room
- Give parents pictures of child
- Share copies of homework & report cards with family
- Have positive view about BP
- Talk openly about family to child
- Send snack/activity for visit
- Praise parents’ progress
- Dress child up for visits
- Provide written report for SAR
- Share monthly progress reports
- Host/arrange sibling visits
- Brag to parent about child
- Request cultural information from BP
- Transport child to visit
- Talk with parent at visit
- Encourage parent to phone child
- Meet child’s family at placement
- Non threatening attitude
- Refer to child as “your child” to BP
- Share parenting information
- Attend staffing s, SARs, reviews
- Help BP find community resources
- Encourage/assure reunification
- Share child’s life book with parents
- Attend training to learn how to work directly with parent
- Learn about, understand, and respect birth parent’s culture
- Transport child to/from parent’s home
- Review child’s visits with parents
- Give parents verbal progress reports
- Ask parent to come to appts.
- FP transports BP to meeting s
- Invite child’s family to attend school programs
- Assist in planning child’s return to birth home
- Welcome child’s parents into your home
- Attend parenting classes with parents
- Serve as support to family following reunification
- Foster parent provides respite care
- Include BP in farewell activities

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