

Contact Requirements

Background Notes

Children depend on their caseworker to ensure they have their safety, permanency and well being needs met while in substitute care as well as when placed under the agency's supervision in the care of their birth parents. Visiting a child and their care providers is key to ensuring children are being well cared for.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Read the OARs on Monthly Contact and Monitoring Child and Young Adult Safety.
http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_80.pdf
- How often are workers required to meet with parents, children and caregivers?
- Learn what actions are required if a child is missing from substitute care.
- Talk with an experienced caseworker about how they organize their time to meet their monthly contact requirements.
- Determine if the child is on target developmentally using the materials in the appendix. Determine what medical, educational and mental health needs the child might still need to have resolved.

Discoveries:

- *List what the worker did that you saw as successful.*
- *What would you incorporate in your interviewing style and what might you not include?*
- *Consider how you will use the tools in your ongoing work in monitoring safety and wellbeing.*