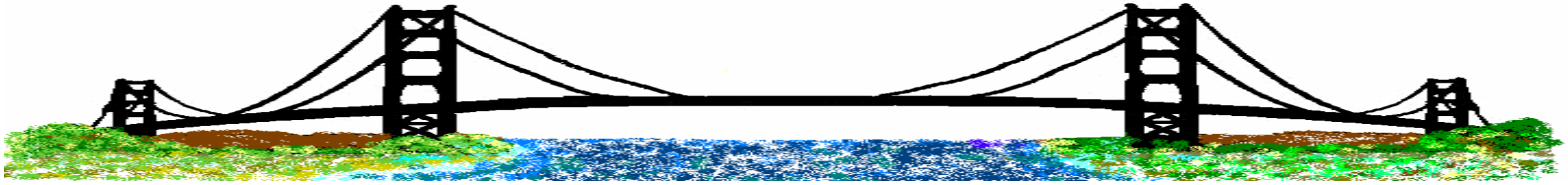


## ADDENDUM E

### Bridging the Gap of Separation Between Children and Their Families



#### *A CONTINUUM OF CONTACT FOR **BIRTH PARENTS***

- \* Send cards/letters/family pictures to child at FH via Social Worker
- \* Attend all visits/meetings
- \* Attend all classes/appointments
- \* Make regular contact with SW
- \* Remember child's birthday and holidays
- \* Talk with child about separation
- \* Write down important info about child such as diet, routine, habit
- \* Send medical/school/etc., records to FP via SW
- \* Encourage child to cooperate with placement
- \* Share critical cultural information with FP
- \* Plan special activities for visits
- \* Discuss child's activities with FP at visits
- \* Share information with FP
- \* Arrange phone calls from child
- \* Develop positive relationship w/ FP
- \* Talk openly with FP at agency meetings
- \* Give FP your home phone number
- \* Attend school meetings with FP
- \* Help develop child's lifebook
- \* Include FP in visitation activities
- \* Do not make unrealistic promises to child
- \* Avoid giving child specific date for reunification
- \* Learn about, understand, and respect the FP's culture
- \* Invite FP to your home
- \* Phone child at foster home
- \* Invite FP to child's birthday party
- \* Discuss case plan progress with FP
- \* Review child's behavior with FP
- \* Invite FP to attend parenting classes with you
- \* Ask FP for help in locating community resources
- \* Include FP in child's return home
- \* Visit child in foster home
- \* Work with FP on discipline problems
- \* Call FP for help with parenting problems
- \* Encourage child to keep in contact with FP after reunification
- \* Work with FP to solve school problems
- \* Include FP in holiday celebrations
- \* Show appreciation to FP
- \* Offer to take child to appointments for FP