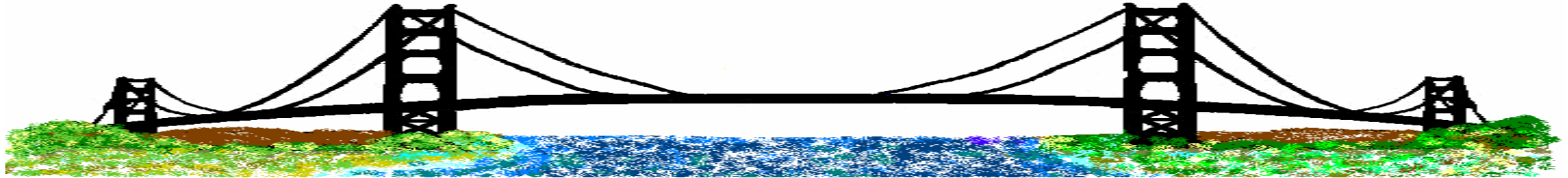


# Bridging the Gap of Separation Between Children and Their Families



## *A CONTINUUM OF CONTACT FOR **SOCIAL WORKERS***

- \* Encourage exchange of information between BP and FP
- \* Have BP/FP exchange pictures
- \* Talk positively about FP to BP
- \* Schedule regular and frequent visitation
- \* Arrange phone contact between BP and FP
- \* Share all information with FP and BP
- \* Talk positively about BP to FP
- \* Encourage FP to host sibling visits
- \* Serve as liaison between BP and FP
- \* Describe FP in non-identifying terms at placement
- \* Exchange monthly progress reports with BP/FP
- \* Serve as a positive role model to BP and FP
- \* Ensure that BP/FP attend agency meetings
- \* Facilitate conversations between FP and BP
- \* Have FP and BP meet at placement
- \* Encourage BP and FP to work on lifebook together
- \* Set clear boundaries for contact
- \* Facilitate the development of a collaborative relationship between FP and BP
- \* Debrief FP regarding BP problems/needs
- \* Participate in visitations
- \* Talk openly with BP/FP about their concerns
- \* Help FP understand BP's problems
- \* Encourage BP to permit FP to call home
- \* Assist BP in welcoming FP to home
- \* Encourage FP to transport child to home
- \* Permit FP to invite BP to attend all appointments
- \* Encourage FP to transport BP to agency meetings and child's appts.
- \* Encourage FP to allow BP to call FH
- \* Assist FP/BP in managing conflict
- \* Mediate and resolve conflicts
- \* Assist FP in welcoming BP to home
- \* Allow FP/BP to schedule all visitation
- \* Encourage post-reunification contact
- \* Suggest that FP can provide respite care after reunification
- \* Discuss how FP can serve as support to birth family
- \* Empower FP to set limits and boundaries re: contact and visitation

