

MAIL CONTACT

CONTINUUM OF CONTACT

<u>Level A</u>	<u>Level B</u>	<u>Level C</u>	<u>Level D</u>	<u>Level E</u>	<u>Level F</u>	<u>Level G</u>	<u>Level H</u>	<u>Level I</u>
All mail to and from BP and all Birth Family members pass through the agency for monitoring purposes.	Same as A.	Same as A.	Same as A.	All mail passes directly between the FP and BP.	Same as E.	Same as E.	Same as E.	Same as E.

Roles and Responsibilities of FOSTER PARENTS

To debrief with child when the child receives mail. To remind child to send mail on special occasions, e.g. Mother's Day, Birthday, Holidays, etc. If and when the FP has contact with BP, the FP approaches BP with respect. Polite greeting, small talk about how the child is doing. To put the BP at ease, reduce defensiveness by FP's demeanor. To act in ways that speak to a helping relationship.

Skills Needed of FOSTER PARENTS

Ability to exchange mail in timely manner. Ability to listen, respond empathetically to child.

CCBIT Competencies for FP

All competencies as listed under the following are related to Mail Contact: Pre-Service: CORE 901, 902, 903, 904, 905.

Roles and Responsibilities of SOCIAL WORKER

To establish Ground Rules at initial Family Team Meeting, laying out roles and responsibilities and consequences if Ground Rules are not followed. To act as the conduit - passing mail along as requested in a timely manner. Be available to the child, FP, BP upon request, to debrief, discuss issues, etc.

Roles and Responsibilities of BIRTH PARENTS

To listen, ask questions regarding roles, responsibilities, Ground Rules, manage anger and frustration. Send child notes, letters, cards for Birthday, Holidays, etc.