



NORMALCY & PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD

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HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

NORMALCY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
IN FOSTER CARE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENTS

The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 requires that:

- Child welfare agencies promote normalcy and well-being for children and youth in foster care.
- Child welfare agencies implement a reasonable and prudent parent standard (RPPS) for decisions made by caregivers (foster parents or designated officials for child care institutions, including residential treatment programs or independent living programs).
 - *This standard allows caregivers to make parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interest of the child and also decisions about the child's participation in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.*
 - *Caregivers need to be trained on the reasonable and prudent parent standard, specifically around the child's participating in age or developmental appropriate activities.*

NORMALCY POLICY AND PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION

- Development of [Normalcy Practice Guidance](#)
- Development of multiple checklists and tip sheets, including:
 - [Normalcy Activities Checklist](#)
 - [Age-Appropriate Activities and Responsibilities Checklist](#)
 - [Tips for Applying the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard \(RPPS\)](#)
- Development and implementation of [Family Services Policy 75](#) (including caregiver guidelines)
- Revisions to the [Placement Checklist](#) and [Foster Parent Authorization Letter](#) specific to supporting normalcy
- Fall 2017 foster parent foundations training included normalcy and the RPPS
- Statewide discussion groups / trainings with child placing agencies and residential treatment programs

QUESTIONS?

