

MANAGING PLACEMENT TRANSITIONS VIDEO SUMMARY

The Managing Placement Transitions video demonstrates the important role that foster parents play in supporting children as they transition into and out of their home. Foster parents with extensive experience helping young people in foster care make smooth, supported transitions share their insights. Some of the skills and strategies covered include: making children feel welcome and connected, effective communication with children about the why, where, when, and how of transitions, maintaining flexibility in working to meet the child's needs and how to maintain ongoing connections with children. Viewers are reminded about self-care for foster parents to address feelings of loss they may experience when children leave their home. The video shows how managing transitions is related to helping to successfully achieve permanence for children, including the importance of partnering with workers and others to reduce the number of transitions.