

Brief Overview:

How to effectively support children in both planned and unplanned placement transitions both into/and out of the foster/adoptive home; helping children feel welcome; staying connected.

Knowledge Competencies:

- Can identify practical techniques and strategies to ensure children joining families feel welcome and connected.
- Can identify practical techniques and strategies to ensure smooth transitions for children who are moving out of the home.
- Can identify strategies to stay connected before, during and after a transition has occurred.
- Recognize the impact transitions have on all aspects of children's life including emotional, educational, relational and physical.
- Can identify ways to prepare for periods of transition.

Attitude Competencies:

- Prioritizes children experiencing as few losses as possible.
- Willing to be flexible to meet children's needs during transitions.
- Believes that it is the parent's responsibility to support children through transitions.

Target Audience:

This right time theme is applicable to parents who are fostering or adopting that are not related, kinship caregivers, and foster and adoptive parents who are American Indian Alaska Native, and parents who have adopted private domestically or via the intercountry process.