

Preparing for and Managing Visitation

Application: Bringing It Home

1. Based on the information shared in the video for this theme, identify at least three reasons why it is important for children to have visits with their parents.
2. Based on the video for this theme and/or your own experience, what are some possible changes in behavior that you may see in children before, during and after a visit? For each of the changes in behavior, identify a possible reason behind the behavior.
3. What things can you do to support children you are fostering or adopting before, during and after visitations?
4. Write down some of the barriers that you have or think you could encounter that would hinder your ability to develop a relationship with the children's parents. Based on what you have written, what are some ideas on how to work through these barriers?
5. What are some strategies that were shared in the video for this theme regarding helping children prepare for visits?
6. If you are fostering, what are some things you could do to support children's parent during visitations? If you have adopted, think of ways that you can support the birth parents during visitations.
7. The video for this theme stated that when scheduled visitations are missed, "validate the child's hard feelings" but don't "join in". What do you think this means and why do you think this is important? List three ways you can support children you are fostering or adopting who are having "hard feelings" about a missed visit.