

Placement Alternative Contract

Additional Safety Checklist for a Parenting Youth Whose Children Will Share or Visit the Placement

Youth's Name: _____ DCFS ID#: _____

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Do the LEADS/CANTS check results pose a reasonable threat to the children of this youth? If "yes", the worker shall not approve the placement. If "no", explain the mitigating factors applicable to any "hits":

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are there any observable health/sanitation risks to the children?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are there any observable safety hazards (e.g., pest or rodent infestation, uncovered electrical outlets, broken windows, etc.)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are all dangerous cleaning supplies, medicines, and/or any other dangerous chemicals inaccessible to children?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are basic first aid supplies available?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are there separate beds for the parenting youth and each child?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a pet in the home that might threaten the children's safety (e.g., dog, cat, snake, etc.)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there any aspect of the home that would threaten the health of the children (e.g., child has allergies and a household member smokes)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is a space heater ever used in a bedroom or sleeping area?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Will the children have age-appropriate supervision at all times when the parenting youth will be absent from the home?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No With the Standard of Need grant and the Child Only allotment/Ward With Infant special service fee, does the parenting youth have sufficient resources to provide basic necessities (shelter, food, clothing, basic health care) for him/herself and his/her children?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Has the parenting youth agreed to not allow any member of the household to use verbal threats and derogatory language toward the children or corporal punishment to discipline the children?

Equipment and Arrangements

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the home have adequate sleeping space and working equipment to suit the developmental needs of the children, (e.g., bassinette, crib, bed)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is each bed a safe distance from windows, cords, and other possible hazards?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No If there will be transportation by car or van does the parenting youth have the appropriate child restraints (car seat, seat-belt adaptor, etc.)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a high chair available, if appropriate?

The caseworker shall prepare a written corrective action plan to address any item indicated above that may pose a hazard or risk of harm to the children. The caseworker shall not recommend a placement alternative contract for the parenting youth until all corrections are made.

Caseworker's signature

Date

Supervisor's signature

Date