Visitation Guidelines

Visits are an important and necessary part of reunifying children in care with their birth parents. Without consistent, positive visits, separation lasts longer and is devastating for children; and unproductive visits can be worse than no visits at all. Bringing Families Together's **Parenting+Plus** is committed to promoting healthy visits between parents and children. To meet that goal, the following guidelines must be followed.

1. The Family Support Specialist will arrange visit dates/times and location with the family with the approval of the case manager.
2. Parents must confirm attendance the day before a scheduled visit by calling the worker prior to **12:00 PM (noon)**. If the visit is on Monday, the parents must call Friday by noon.
3. Parents must be on time. If the parent fails to arrive 15 minutes after the designated start time, the visit will be cancelled.
4. If a parent is a "no show" for the visit, future visits will require the parent to arrive one hour before the arrival of the children.
5. Recording of visits or conversations using any device is prohibited.
6. Parents will speak in a normal, conversational tone, so that all discussion is audible to the Family Support Specialist.
7. Visit time is for interactions with your children. Have fun and enjoy the time with them!
8. Parents must have age-appropriate conversations with children, avoiding profanity, name calling or any other negativity.
9. Visits are for parents; however, parents may bring other family members with prior approval. Unapproved or "surprise" visitors will not be permitted to stay.
10. Should disruptive behavior arise during a visit, the worker may use a "timeout". Children will be escorted to another room until the parent has regained composure. There is only one timeout per visit. A second incidence of negative behavior will result in the termination of the visit.

I have read and understand these guidelines:

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Parent   Date

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Parent   Date

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 Family Support Specialist   Date