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Children's Pledge!



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Support You To Achieve Your Goals In Life

We promise to...

- Provide you with support, guidance and the resources to help you achieve your goals in life; and write your goals in your care plan and personal education plan.
- Support you to attend the best school, university, college or training course possible. Make sure you have the help and support you need to do well in education and support you to find a job when you leave school.
- Celebrate your success and achievements

Keep Our Promises

We will work in partnerships with others to make sure we are keeping all of our promises. Please tell us how you think we are doing with these promises by sending your comments to info@affinityfostering.com



Involve You In Decisions That Affect Your Life

We promise to...

- Encourage & support you to make decisions about your life.
- Let you know about decisions made for you and explain things in a way which you understand (especially if we cannot do what you like).
- Find a home that suits you and can best meet your needs.
- Support you to move on from care to get the best accommodation that meets your needs.





Support

Support Network

We promise to...

- Help you keep contact with family, friends and other people who are important to you, and explain to you why you can not keep in touch with your family, friends and other people, if this is not allowed.
- Make sure you have a named social worker and information on how to contact them.
- Make sure you know how to get an independent advocate, such as a worker from the Children's Rights Services, who will listen to you and support you to get things stopped or changed.
- Have a designated teacher in every school to help you and to make sure they know your name.





Stay Healthy

We promise to...

- Make sure you are registered with a doctor, optician and dentist and make sure you know their name.
- Make sure you have access to a nurse who works with looked after children and young people, and provide you with professional health advice services, such as sexual health, and support you to use these services.
- Support and encourage you to enjoy a healthy lifestyle, take part in leisure activities and enjoy a health diet.





Help You Stay Safe

We promise to...

- Give you information and advice about staying safe: and guide, support and encourage you to make the right decisions to stay safe.
- Tell you who you can contact in an emergency





I Am The Black Child

I am special, ridicule cannot sway me

I am strong, obstacles cannot stop me

I hold my head high, proudly proclaiming my uniqueness

I hold my pace, continuing forward through adversity

I am proud of my culture and my heritage

I am confident that I can achieve my every goal

I am becoming all that I can be

I am the black child, I am a child of God.

Mychal Wynn



Listen To What You Have To Say

We promise to...

- Listen to you and try, as much possible, to meet your needs.
- Give you all the information you need to make a complaint and deal with your complaint as fairly as possible.





Leaving Care

Leaving home can be an exciting time for any young person. Most young people have hopes and fears about leaving home. Your Foster Carers and Social Workers should help you to prepare for when you leave care to live independently.

This might mean you'll learn practical skills like cooking, washing and budgeting, as well as helping you develop self-confidence, and make and maintain links in your community or with your family.

It is important to think about your future before you turn 16. You can talk about it with your Foster Carers and Social Worker so you can make informed choices and realistic decisions about your future. It is important that you feel ready to leave care. You do not have to leave once you are 16.





After Care Support

The Local Authorities responsibilities towards you do not end when you stop being looked after.

Most Local Authorities have a specialist after care team that provides services for young people at various stages of the leaving care process. This service can offer support, advice and assistance, as well as helping you make the transition from care to independence.

The team's work focuses on leaving care; things like employment, training and education, housing and accommodation, welfare rights and benefits advice, advocacy and health. Focusing on these areas means the team can make sure you are well informed about issues which are important to you.





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