

Foster Care Bill of Rights

No matter what is going on, the safety and well-being of youth is the most important thing to the Children's Division.

The first goal of the Children's Division is to keep families together. If a family isn't able to stay together and children do enter into foster care, Children's Division will make all efforts to reunite the family.

At all times, Children's Division will do their best to keep kids with people they know and trust.

Children's Division will do their best to keep kids in the same home as long as that's what is best for them.

The Children's Division will work with each youth and family to develop goals and a plan to make sure youth are safe, their needs are met and that they keep the things and people that are important to them in their lives, both now and in the future.

Family relationships are important. Children's Division will make every effort to keep brothers and sisters in the same home as much as possible. Even when brothers and sisters aren't able to live in the same home, Children's Division will make sure they get to talk and visit with each other.

Youth 12 years and older can choose to attend their court hearings. It's Children's Division's responsibility to make it possible for those youth to attend their court hearings, when they are able and it is in the youth's best interest.

