

## Just Checking In!

Foster Parents,

In Marion Branch Child Welfare, we're trying to increase the frequency and improve the quality of visitation for children and parents. We know we're not in this alone and we appreciate all the help and support we get from our foster parents.

From the Child Welfare Procedure Manual we learn, "One of the best predictors of successful reunification is the frequency and quality of visits between a child and his or her parents."

Other sources report additional benefits from frequent visitation:

*Children visited frequently by their parents may be:*

- *Less likely to have emotional outbursts, tension, and conflict*
- *Less likely to be referred for psychiatric services*
- *Less likely to engage in delinquent or antisocial acts such as vandalism, stealing, and running away*
- *More likely to be seen as likeable by teachers and peers*

(Fostering Perspective.org, original citation: White et al., 1996; Cantos & Gries, 1997)

We recognize that sometimes foster parents don't get asked if they are willing and able to help with transportation, help by supervising a visit, or interested in meeting a birth parent. So, we'd like to ask now. If you are willing and able to help please fill out the back of this flyer and return it to your SSA.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in *learning* more about:

Transporting children

Supervising a visit

Meeting Birth Parents

Foster Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Thoughts:

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