

# FOSTER PARENT REPORT TO THE COURT

Re:

To: Foster Parents

The 1989 Legislature amend KSA 38-1565(b) and KSA 38-1664(c) to mandate that every six month foster parents are to provide a confidential report to the court in a specified format, and SRS is responsible to provide at least two weeks notice as to when the report is due. It is the Department's interpretation that the six month time period begins with the child's placement in the foster home and that by knowing the placement date, the Department can provide a one time notice that remains effective regardless of how long the child is in the placement.

The following are the two dates each year the reports are due:

First report:\_\_\_\_\_

Second report:\_\_\_\_\_

This is the only notice you will receive regarding the due dates for this report. Attached is a supply of forms.

The following is the name of the Judge and the address of the court to which the report is to be sent. If the Judge or address changes, we will provide notice to you.

Name of Judge:\_\_\_\_\_

Address of Court:\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Attn:

Cc: Supervisory agency (if applicable)

# REPORT FROM FOSTER PARENTS CONFIDENTIAL

Child's Name	Current Address
Parent's Name	Foster Parents
Primary Case Manager	

Please circle the word which best describes the child's progress.

1. Child's adjustment in the home  
 excellent                      good                      satisfactory                      needs improvement
2. Child's interaction with foster parents and family  
 excellent                      good                      satisfactory                      needs improvement
3. Child's interaction with others  
 excellent                      good                      satisfactory                      needs improvement
4. Child's respect for property  
 excellent                      good                      satisfactory                      needs improvement
5. Physical and emotional condition of the child  
 excellent                      good                      satisfactory                      needs improvement
6. Case Manager's interaction with the child and foster family  
 excellent                      good                      satisfactory                      needs improvement
7. School statue of child:

	School	Grade	
Grades	Good_____	Fair_____	Poor_____
Attendance	Good_____	Fair_____	Poor_____
Behavior	Good_____	Fair_____	Poor_____

8. If visitation with parents has occurred, describe the frequency of visits, with whom, supervised or unsupervised, and any significant events that have occurred.

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9. Your opinion regarding the overall adjustment, progress and condition of the child:

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10. Do you have any special concerns or comments with regard to the child not addressed by this form? Please specify:

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See below for KSA 38-1565 and KSA 38-1664

**KSA 38-1565(b):** A court services officer or, if the child is in the secretary's custody, the secretary shall submit to the court, at least every six months, a written report of the progress being made toward the goals of the plan submitted pursuant to subsection (a). If the child is placed in foster care, the foster parent or parents shall submit to the court, at least every six months, a report in regard to the child's adjustment, progress and condition. The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services shall notify the foster parent or parents of the foster parent's duty to submit such report, on a form provided by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, at least two weeks prior to the date when the report is due, and the name of the judge and the address of the court to which the report is to be submitted. Such report shall be confidential and shall only be reviewed by the court and the child's Guardian ad litem. The court shall review the progress being made toward the goals of the plan and the foster parent report and, if the court determines that progress is inadequate or that the goals are no longer viable, the court shall hold a hearing pursuant to subsection (c). If the secretary has custody of the child, such hearing shall be held no more than 18 months after the child is placed outside the child's home and at least every 12 months thereafter. If the goal of the plan submitted pursuant to subsection (a) is reintegration into the family and the court determines after 18 months from the time such plan is first submitted that progress is inadequate, the court shall hold a hearing pursuant to subsection (c) to determine whether proceedings shall be commenced pursuant to this code to terminate the parental rights of either or both parents. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to prohibit termination of parental rights prior to the expiration of 18 months.

**KSA 38-1664(b):** During the time a juvenile offender remains in the custody of the secretary, the secretary shall report to the court at least each six months as to the current living arrangement and social and mental development of the juvenile offender. If the juvenile offender is placed in foster care, the foster parent or parents shall submit to the court at least every six months, a report in regard to the juvenile offender's adjustment, progress and condition. The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services shall notify the foster parent or parents of the foster parent's duty to submit such report, on a form provided by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, at least two weeks prior to the date when the report is to be submitted. Such report shall be confidential and shall only be reviewed by the court and the child's attorney.