



Resource Parent Spotlight

Resource Parent Spotlight is a way to support individual resource families for their efforts with working with our system and the children. This type of event has a dual purpose and that is to inform the staff about the family and what their strengths are. Here are a handful of ideas.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Resource Parent of the Month is an event that is initially discussed and planned at a staff meeting. You will need to have staff participation to be successful. Develop a set of guidelines for your office. (See FP of Month Guidelines for basic information) Choose or vote on who you want to honor each month. Invite the family to come in to the office for an event.

At the event the Resource Coordinator introduces the family to all of the staff. Years of service, number of children cared for, and specialty areas of recognition are offered by the RC. Then have each staff who has worked with the family talk about their experiences. Have cake and ice cream. Provide an official-looking certificate of thanks. Offer a gift certificate for dinner.

FOSTER FAMILY PROFILE DISCUSSION FOR STAFF

Bring the same type of information to a staff meeting. Provide a profile of the family as you know them and ask for social workers to share their experiences with the family. Be sure to document this information and store it on the family's file. This is a great way for new Resource Coordinators to get to know their families and for the entire office to understand how this resource can be optimized.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Have staff write thank you or letters of appreciation to the resource family chosen for the month. When all letters are collected, highlight the common themes at a staff meeting. Mail or give the letters to the family. This could be done in conjunction with Resource Family Spotlight and the letters could be given at the event.

PRESS RELEASE

For all of these events or occasions, we can write a press release about the family based on the information that we obtain and submit it to a newspaper after being vetted by the state. It usually can be vetted within a day or so once the format for the press release is established.

