

## **Schedule E**

### **Obligations of the Director**

The Director will:

#### **Support to the Caregiver(s)**

1. Designate a social worker to supply on a regular basis such assistance and advice as may be requested by the Family Care Home and at a level consistent with available staff time.
2. Assign a social worker to perform the following functions:
  - a) Ensure there is Plan of Care for each child placed in the Family Care Home which is appropriate to the child's needs and to the standard and other conditions of care and nurturing provided for in Voluntary Care, Special Needs and Support Services Agreements with the child's parent(s) and/or guardian where they exist;
  - b) Assess the progress of the Caregiver's performance of their duties and obligations under the Plan of Care as established under Clause 5(a);
  - c) Involve the Caregiver and unless prevented by law or court order, the child's parent(s) and/or guardian in all planning decisions relating to the child;
  - d) Complement and encourage the child's relationship with the Caregiver and the child's parent(s) and/or guardian;
  - e) Where appropriate, be involved in contacts between the Caregiver and the child's parent(s), child's extended family and/or guardian of the child;
  - f) Assist the Caregiver in the appropriate use of community resources at the reasonable request of the Caregiver; and
  - g) Where appropriate, assist the Caregiver in contacts with the police and courts.

#### **Planning for the Child**

3. Advise the Caregiver as to who the parent(s) and/or guardian is of any child placed with the Caregiver.
4. Provide the Caregiver with all information relevant for the care of the child, including but not limited to, medical, educational and personal care information as well the child's history and behavior and any guardianship, custody and access arrangements.
5. Notify the child's parents(s) and/or guardian of any action taken in the interest of the health and well-being of the child where the child's parent(s) and/or guardian could not be immediately contacted.
6. Make all decisions regarding placement of each child in the Family Care Home after discussion with the Caregiver.

#### **Administration**

7. Provide the Caregiver with a copy of the Ministry for Children and Families Standards for Foster Homes.
8. Refer the Caregiver to the British Columbia Federation of Foster Parent Associations for pertinent information regarding available insurance coverage for a child's willful acts resulting in damage or loss to the residence.
9. Provide the Caregiver with a copy of the "Protocol for Resolving Issues Between Foster Parents and Ministry ", the Protocol for Investigating Reports of Abuse and Neglect in Foster Home, the Protocol for Reviewing Quality of Care Concerns in Foster Homes and provide any updates or revisions to this protocol.