

**Education and Socialization of Children in the Custody of SCCS**

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES**

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**POLICY:**

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) will ensure that all children who are in agency custody will attend school and are given the opportunity to take part in activities while in SCCS custody.

**PROCEDURE:**

Caregivers will allow privileges and assign responsibilities to all children that are in agency custody based on the child's age and level of functioning as appropriate. The privileges and responsibilities should be similar to those which would be assigned to a family member of the caregiver who is close to the same age and functioning level.

Caregivers with the direction and assistance of the assigned caseworker, will arrange for each school age child to attend a school which complies with the minimum standards as prescribed by the State Board of Education and shall see that the child attends school in compliance with the Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA). A caregiver may not home school a child in the custody of SCCS without the approval of the Director of Placement and Permanency Planning and the Department Director of the assigned caseworker.

Caregivers are responsible for teaching children in agency custody age appropriate tasks and skills required for life in the community. Caregivers must encourage and support each child to participate in community, school, recreational and cultural heritage activities that are appropriate to the child's age and level of functioning and will provide or arrange appropriate transportation for the child to attend the activities when necessary and reasonable.

Caregivers will enhance the child's educational experience and actively participate in the child's educational development. Caregivers are expected to attend school open houses and/or conferences, assist with homework and support the child's participation in extra-curricular activities.

Caregivers will provide children under the age of two regular opportunities for consistent individual attention and physical contact as well as opportunities for safe and comfortable participation in developmental activities such as sitting, crawling, walking and playing with safe play items, as appropriate to the child's age and developmental ability.

Caregivers will encourage and support children fourteen (14) years of age or older to participate in an independent living program or teach independent living skills to children not enrolled in an independent living program.

Caregivers may be reimbursed for school pictures of children in the custody of SCCS. Reimbursement for school pictures may only be received one time during each school year. Caregivers may be reimbursed up to \$20.00 for children of pre-school age, \$35.00 for children in grades Kindergarten through eleventh and \$200.00 for children in grade twelve.

In order to be reimbursed, caregivers must submit a receipt for the pictures and two wallet size pictures of the child. Caregivers must provide at least a wallet size picture to the child for the life book and/or placement journal and must provide at least a wallet size picture to the child if the child leaves the home. Reimbursement will not be made without the required receipt and pictures. All requests for reimbursement must be submitted prior to the termination of the school year. Requests submitted late will not be reimbursed.