CONFIDENTIALITY

It is important that Foster/ Adoptive Parents for Trumbull County Children Services (TCCS) maintain the confidentiality of any and all case information learned through their affiliation with TCCS. Any identifying information of TCCS clients and their children must be kept strictly confidential, both during the Foster/ Adoptive Parents' affiliation with the Agency and continuing into the future. This information includes, but is not limited to, the identity of residents, clients' names, the names of clients' children and family members, results of assessments or evaluations, and any details regarding a family's child welfare involvement which could be used to identify a family or its members. A violation of confidentiality could result in legal action.

Protecting the confidentiality of the foster child. It is of utmost importance that any information about the foster child be kept confidential and not be shared with family, friends, or others in the community. Also, absolutely no photographs or identifying information of any child, in the temporary custody of the Agency, may be given to the media or published in any way for any reason. Permission must be first obtained from the legal guardian and/or parent by an agency staff person.