



Fostering a **NORMAL** Childhood

The ***Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard*** is a law that requires caregivers to make responsible choices that prioritize a child's health, safety, and overall well-being. The ultimate goal is to promote the child's emotional and developmental growth. According to federal law, children in foster care deserve a life that is similar to a typical family and home environment, which means that normal activities, such as extracurricular, social, cultural, and other enriching activities, should be included in daily life.

Foster Parents must encourage healthy activities such as:



**Extracurricular clubs, sports,
School, camps, and field-trips**



**Driver's Education and
recreational vehicle use**



**Youth Group Activities and
Parties and sleepovers**



**Self-care/hygiene practices or
temporary changes to appearance**



**Vacations (with the
resource parents)**



**Outings with peers (including
dating, if appropriate)**



Questions?

Talk to your Children's Division case worker.