

## Maintaining Children's Connections with Siblings, Extended Family Members, and Their Community

Please fill in the box next to the best answer. (Fill in only one box per question)

1. It is important for the parent who is fostering or adopting to do all of the following, **EXCEPT**: (Choose one)
  - Help the child maintain connections with siblings and extended family.
  - Help the child make a clean break from their maltreating parents.
  - Be inclusive of the ethnicity, culture, race, and community that the child brings with them.
  - Get the child's input on who to stay in touch with from their family.
2. When it comes to maintaining connections with the child's family, it is important to keep in mind that: (Choose one)
  - The sibling bond is often the most important and lifelong connection in a child's life.
  - Contact with the child's parent(s) is only important if reunification is likely to occur.
  - Abuse or neglect by the child's parent makes their relationship with the child less important.
  - Children will need to choose between their past, present and future families.
3. All of the following are strategies to address barriers to communicating with a child's parents, **EXCEPT**: (Choose one)
  - Maintain an empathetic stance with the child's parents.
  - Arrange for other contacts such as letters, phone calls, FaceTime, texts, etc.
  - Ask the caseworker, therapist, or other professional for assistance in mediating the relationship to improve communication.
  - Decide that communicating is not worth the effort if the child's parent cannot make it easy for you.

4. When considering the complexities of maintaining connections for a child, a priority would be to:  
(Choose one)
- Find ways to empower the parent.
  - Creatively explore possible ways to maintain connections for the child.
  - Only do what is asked of you by the caseworker or required by the Court.
  - Arrange for contact only with people you like.
5. When maintaining connections, successful foster and adoptive parents demonstrate all of the following characteristics, **EXCEPT**: (Choose one)
- Appreciation for diversity/other worldviews.
  - Self-awareness.
  - Relationally oriented.
  - Lack of a sense of humor.