

Making Transition Books

Children need to know what is happening in their lives and this is especially important when they are separated from their main carers. Often this can happen in an unplanned way and for children in foster carer this can be very frightening and uncertain time. These simple transition books can help them to understand what is happening in their lives and start to form the basis of Life Story work as a first hand account of the workers that are involved with the children and their family.

When To Start

These books can be started as soon as the children are looked after in Foster care , they can provide a picture book reference for the child of the important people in their lives including their Birth family and especially the ones they are having contact with.

As well as photographs of their foster family and their social workers and any other workers who may be involved. Foster carers can be asked to include photographs for these books .

Example 1

Tulip and Buttercup

Add a photograph of the child/children here with Date

Here is a picture of Tulip and Buttercups Mummy

They see her every week at the contact centre

Here is a Picture of Tulip and
Buttercup's Daddy. He Lives France So they
don't see him at the moment.

Tulip and Buttercup live with their
foster carers, Betty and Roger

Picture of Tulip and Buttercup with Betty and Roger

Picture of Tulip and Buttercup with Jan

Jan is Tulip and
Buttercup's social
worker

Jan asked the Judge who Tulip and Buttercup should live
with.

The Judge told Jan that she needed to find a growing up family to adopt Tulip and Buttercup.

While the social workers were looking for just the right growing up family, Tulip and Buttercup would be looked after by Betty and Roger.

picture

Looking for just the right family can take quite a long time. Here are some photographs of when you were living with Betty and Roger.

Photographs

Here are some more photographs of when you were living with Betty and Roger.

As you know this has been taking quite a long time and this is because we want to make sure that we find just the right growing up family for you both. lots of different ways to make a family and to start with we were looking for just one growing up family for you both.

We know that sometimes living together can be really difficult for children as they have to learn that there is enough love and care to go round for everyone and this takes time.

This can mean that social workers need to find more than one growing up family to look after two sisters.

After lots of talking and thinking together all the grown-ups have agreed that as we couldn't find the right family for you and your sister together then we need to find two separate growing up families.

To start with you will be moving to a foster family who live quite close and you will be able to stay at your same school.

Buttercup will be moving soon to live with her new family as soon as they are ready for her.

Even though that will mean that you will not be living in the same family, brothers and sisters will always be brothers and sisters no matter what.

I will make sure that you will be able to keep in touch with each other as you grow up, and I will tell you when she moves to her new family.

I went to meet your new foster carers and I told them all about you. They said that they were excited to meet you and understand that it may be hard to start with living in a new family without your sister.

They really want to help you settle in and I told them that I wanted you to have a family you can have fun with, someone to laugh with be happy with, someone who can help when you are cross or sad.

Here are some photographs of them

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