## QUESTIONS KIDS WANT ANSWERS FOR WHEN GOING INTO/LIVING IN FOSTER CARE

## **During the first week:**

- Why didn't my parents want me?
- Is it my fault?
- When will I go home?
- Can I still see my parent/s? When? Can I call them? When? How often?
- Can I see my brothers or sisters? When? Can I call them? When? How often?
- Can I see my grandparents? When? Can I call them? When? How often?
- Can I see my friends? When, how much?
- Can I go into the refrigerator without permission?
- Where are all my clothes and stuff? Can I get it?

## **During the first month:**

- What religious views do this new family have and can I still practice mine?
- Will these new people provide or let me do the things I like to do? Hunting, Fishing, football, music, .....
- Can I still drive?
- Can I keep my job?
- Could I live with my best friend?
- How am I going to keep up in school if I have to start all over in a new school? Will my credits transfer?
- If I get in trouble do I get kicked out?
- What happens at court? Can I go? Should I go?
- Do I have any right to have a say so in what happens at court?
- Do I have the right to talk to the judge?
- If my social worker does not call me what should I do?
- If I don't get along with my foster parent's who should I tell?
- Can I see some of the stuff that is written about me?
- If my worker does not call me back—what can I do? Who else can I call?
- What do all these works mean?
  - Custody
  - o Termination of Parental Rights
  - o Adjudication
  - o "UA"
  - Supervised Visitation

## Within 6 months:

- Do I have any say where I live?
- How can I tell the judge what I am thinking?
- Can I just go live on my own? (older youth)
- What about going to college? (older youth)