

Checklist of things to discuss when youth enters your home

- What do you expect of them?
- Where will they sleep and where can they put their things?
- Where are things like shampoo, soap, towels, etc?
- Do you know anything about them visiting their family?
- Is there anything "off limits" in the house?
- Can they use the kitchen when they want?
- Where are dishes and where do dirty dishes go?
- What about dirty laundry – do they have to do their own?
- What school will they go to? How will they get there? When can they go and visit if it is a new school?
- How can they get involved in extra-curricular activities? How would that work?
- Can their friends come over? If close enough, can their brothers/sisters visit?
- How much "freedom" do they have here? What can they do with free time?
- What are the rules around TV, using the phone, using the computer, etc.?
- When is bedtime? Do they have a curfew?
- What happens if they don't follow the "rules" of the house?
- What types of chores or "help" around the house is expected of them? How much allowance will they get?
- If old enough, can they get a job?
- Will they be involved in family activities and family vacations?
- What are they supposed to call you and how will they be introduced to people in the community?
- Can they date?