

Children that run away

If a child in your care runs away from your home you should take the following steps:

- 1) Notify the police, that a child in your care (as foster parent) has run away.
- 2) Notify the ongoing County Social worker of the situation, this worker will notify the family.
- 3) Notify the Alternate Care Social worker of the situation.
- 4) If the child runs on a weekend or evening, the foster parent should notify the on call social worker(depending on the case CPS or Delinquency), this worker will in turn notify the family and the ongoing social worker.

Children entering foster care that have a history of running, should have a support plan developed. This plan would be developed with the Foster Parent, ACRU Social Worker and the ongoing Social Worker. That support plan should include:

- 1) The length of time the child is missing before being reported as a run away.
- 2) Names and phone numbers of contact people to be notified.
- 3) A follow up plan once the child is found.