**Foster Care Minimum Clothing Standard**

**The following is the minimum wardrobe that you must maintain for each foster child while the child is living in your home. It is also what you must send with the child whether the child is going to another foster home, relative, adoptive home, facility, independent living or returning home.**

**When a Child Leaves Your Care, regardless of where the foster child moves, you must send along:**

 A complete wardrobe of clothing that fits well and is in good repair, and that meets or exceeds the Foster Care Minimum Clothing Standard.

 Anything the birth parents have given the child.

 Any gifts the child has received while in your care.

 Anything that was purchased and reimbursed by a Miscellaneous Expenditure Voucher, such as a bike or sports equipment.

**Infants (0 – 11 months)**

 7 – 10 outfits

 7 onesies or t-shirts

 1 pair of shoes

 1 outfit for special occasions

 1 coat appropriate for season; snow pants, cap, scarf and mittens if winter discharge

 1 comb or hairbrush

 Any gifts given to the child while in foster care

 1 duffel bag or suitcase

 1 diaper bag containing: 1 bottle, 6 disposable diapers, 1 blanket, 1 bib, 1 unopened can of formula

**1 – 11 Year Olds**

 7 underpants

 7 pairs of socks

 5 tops

 2 sweatshirts or sweaters

 5 pants/shorts

 2 pairs of shoes

 2 sleep wear outfits

 1 outfit for special occasions

 1 coat appropriate for season; snow pants, cap, scarf and mittens if winter discharge

 1 toothbrush

 1 book bag for school-aged children

 1 comb or hairbrush

 1 duffel bag or suitcase

 Any gifts given to the child while in foster care

**12 – 18 Year Olds**

 7 underpants

 2 bras (girls)

 7 pairs of socks

 5 tops

 2 sweatshirts or sweaters

 5 pants/shorts

 2 pairs of shoes

 2 sleep wear outfits

 1 outfit for special occasions

 1 coat appropriate for season; snow pants, cap, scarf and mittens if winter discharge

 1 toothbrush

 1 book bag

 1 comb or hairbrush

 1 duffel bag or suitcase

 Any gifts given to the child while in foster care

**When a child leaves care, complete the Foster Care Minimum Clothing Standard form.**

**Put a copy in the child’s file and give a copy to the licensing worker.**