

# Practice Alert

## Social Media and Resource Parents

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Policy was introduced February 1, 2006 with memo [CD06-12](#) regarding foster youth public performances and media involvement. The [policy](#) was developed to prohibit the exploitation of children and support a child's right to privacy. The policy developed was an effort to protect foster youth, not to punish foster youth from having opportunities like their peers who are not in foster care.

The Children's Division supports and values the lives of foster youth to be as normal as possible in spite of the interruption in their life of being placed in foster care.

Resource parents should practice reasonable and prudent parenting with the foster youth living in their homes regarding the appropriate use of social media resources.

There is no policy prohibition of a resource parent posting a photo of a foster youth on the resource parent's Facebook page. However, there shall be no identification of the child/youth being a foster youth. It is strongly encouraged and expected that the resource parent have a conversation with the foster youth's parent(s) and confirms they approve of their child's photo being posted on the Facebook page.

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