

10A NCAC 70I .0602 FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

- (a) A residential child-care facility shall have written policies and procedures regarding family involvement which support and encourage families to participate in planning, communication and family time.
- (b) The facility shall afford parents, guardians and legal custodians opportunities to participate in planning events for their child and themselves.
- (c) Parents, guardians and legal custodians shall allow children to send and receive unopened mail and to have telephone conversations with parents, guardians, other family members and other individuals. An exception shall be made if it is determined by the parents, guardians or legal custodians that it is in the child's best interest, to restrict communication based on the out-of-home family services agreement, visitation and contact plan or a court order.
- (d) The facility shall afford children and parents, guardians, other family members and individuals opportunities for family time, based on the purpose of placement and in support of the child's goals and in compliance with the child's visitation and contact plan.

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