



## Program Rules for Participants

### Outings

1. Mentors and Mentees commit to see each other *no less than two times per month* for a minimum of one year.
2. Neither the Mentor or Mentee may bring other youth on outings (unless it is their children)
3. All outings must be scheduled in advance with the Mentee and caseworker, if applicable.
4. Authorized foster parent or residential staff must be notified when the Mentee is picked up or dropped off.
5. The Mentor is responsible for the cost of individual outings.
6. The Mentor may not give money or material items directly to the mentee. Exceptions may be small gifts or cards for birthdays, holidays, and special occasions.
7. The Mentee is not allowed to ask the Mentor for money, or to buy anything outside the normal cost of outings (meals, activities, etc.)
8. If a Mentor will be using their personal car to drive the Mentee, staff must have a copy of their current, valid driver's license and auto insurance on file.
9. Mentor may not drink alcohol, smoke, or use profanity while on outings with the Mentee.

### Home Visits

1. The Mentor must be present at all times if bringing the Mentee to his/her home. No overnight visits are allowed unless the Mentee is 18 years or older AND the Mentor is also an approved Safe Families' Host Family, including background checks on all household members and a completed home screening. Due to Mentees being in care, minors are only permitted to stay overnight with licensed foster parents.
2. If the Mentee has children, the Mentor is allowed to babysit in their home but only if present for the duration of the time and not overnight, unless they are an approved Safe Families' Host Family and have notified the Safe Families' intake office, including signing consent forms.

### Communication

1. Mentor and Mentee must speak with their Coach and/or program staff on a minimum of a monthly basis. Please make every effort to return phone calls within 48 hours.
2. Any change in contact information (address, phone number, or e-mail) must be shared with Safe Families PLUS staff as soon as possible.
3. Social media should be used with discretion. Mentors agree not to post any photographs or videos of Mentees or share confidential information.

I understand the rules above and agree to follow them while participating with mentoring:

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Signature

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Date

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**Questions? Contact Safe Families PLUS at 773-653-2259 or [safefamiliesPLUS@safefamilies.net](mailto:safefamiliesPLUS@safefamilies.net)**