



Series: 1400 Outreach
Policy Name: Public appearance and creative works not for agency publicity
Policy Number: 1406
Origination Date: 11/01/13 **Revision Date:** 3/20/2023 no revisions
Regulation: N/A
Attachments: None

References:

1. **Policy:** Children in out-of-home care shall be encouraged and assisted in participating in activities such as having his or her picture taken for publication in a school newspaper or yearbook; receiving public recognition for accomplishments; participating in school or after-school organizations or clubs; and participating in community events. Children shall be able to participate in activities that promote personal and social growth, self-esteem and independence. Communities Connected for Kids does not prohibit a foster family from posting images of their foster child on social media sites, provided the child's status as a foster child is not disclosed. Per Department of Children and Families policy regarding Online Social Networking, if a child chooses to disclose his or her foster status, such disclosure is a matter of free speech which the department, and therefore Communities Connected for Kids, has no ability, desire or right to control.
2. **Purpose:** To maintain normalcy among children in care.
3. **Scope:** The policies and procedures described in this plan apply to all Communities Connected for Kids' children in care.
4. **Procedures:** The following procedures are to be followed by the agency:
 - a. Confidentiality requirements shall not restrict the children's participation in customary activities appropriate for the child's age and development level.
 - b. Children shall not be identified as dependent children.

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