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**Subject:** Policy Clarification for Maintaining Relative/Sibling Visits after TPR  
**Attachments:** CFS-341.doc; Instructions for CFS-341.doc

The following is a clarification from OCC on policies VI-B (Maintaining Family Ties in Out-Of-Home Placement) and Policy and Procedure VI-F and VI-F1 (Case Review Judicial Hearings for Children in Out-Of-Home Placement). This clarification also applies to the on-line PIP training on "Visitation with Siblings after TPR."

These policies that were issued on 7/1/04 state the following:

If it is in the child's best interest, visits between siblings and with relatives may continue after Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) , if visitation was established prior to TPR. Visitation after TPR will continue until an adoption placement is made or the Out-of-Home placement case is closed.

**It is important for staff to understand that in implementing this policy, "Continued visits with relatives" does not include the parents for on whom the agency has obtained TPR. In addition, Procedure VI-F1 states that workers are to make a recommendation to the court if there should be continued visitation with relatives after TPR and section VI of the CFS-6024 Permanency Planning Court Report also addresses this issue . RELATIVE visits after TPR must have court approval and cannot continue without the courts approval.**



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Instructions for CFS-341.doc (...)

Area Managers are required to receive a copy of the CFS-341 on each employee in their area who receives policy to verify the employee's receipt of the policy and signature on the form. Area Managers must also ensure that each employee has a personnel record with a CFS-341 on file for the recently distributed policy.

This also applies to Central Office staff who receive policy. Respective supervisors will be responsible for completing the CFS-341, obtaining signatures and filing the document in the employee's personnel record.