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- I. Purpose/Objective: The purpose of this policy is to outline appropriate social media usage by foster parents sponsored by KVC. See DCF Placement Standards

- II. Policy Text: Social media is defined as being various websites, applications or online tools which enable users to engage with each other as well as create and share content via a variety of methods including audio, video and images. DCF acknowledges how social media use is an ever-changing dynamic in much of everyone’s lives.

- III. Scope KVC Kansas
- IV. Responsibilities: It is the responsibility of all KVC employees to understand the policy and procedures written in this document. It is the responsibility of KVC CPA staff to ensure foster homes understand the policies and procedures written in this document.
- V. Procedure
 - A. DCF recognizes licensed family foster homes may use social media accounts in their daily lives as this falls in line with prudent parenting tactics as well as providing children, youth and young adults in care a sense of normalcy.
 - B. Prior to posting a picture or video of a child in the custody of the Secretary of DCF, the following shall be considered:
 - i. Will posting a photograph or video of the youth pose a safety threat?
 - ii. Does the picture or video have an embedded location of the youth?
 - iii. Has there been a discussion with the youth and/or the youth’s parent of removal, when applicable, regarding consent to post the video or photograph?
 - iv. Have the privacy setting of the foster parent’s social media profile been set to restrict the general public from viewing their profile?
 - C. Youth should not be identified as being in foster care.
 - D. Information such as reason for referral and state of the case should not be included in social media posts.
 - E. The questions listed above should be reviewed with the foster parent(s) as necessary and no less than once per year, at time of license renewal.
- VI. Revision History:

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VII. Review History:

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