



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Child Advocates of Montgomery County

CHILD, CAREGIVER, AND FAMILY

CHECKLIST

for CASA Advocates during COVID-19

**** NO IN-PERSON VISITS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ****

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

- Check in with child and caregiver weekly via phone call or video chat. **DO NOT VISIT IN-PERSON.** Share any concerns or needs with your CASA supervisor, CPS and the AAL.
- Check in with bio parent every two weeks (if allowed.) Share any concerns with or needs with your supervisor and CPS.
- If there are food or other supplies that are needed, please ask your CASA supervisor to connect you with community resources or complete a Northside Lexus Dreams Come True/Grady Spikes Fund request.
- If a child is in need of school supplies, craft supplies, books, etc., we can find a volunteer (not necessarily the Advocate) who can drop off what is needed at the caregiver's doorstep.

ADVOCATE CHECK-IN WITH CHILDREN:

- FOOD:** What did you eat today? What did you eat yesterday? Is there food in the fridge and cabinets?
- SCHOOL TOOLS:** Do you have paper, pencils, markers, and/or any other supplies needed for school? If school is online, do you have a computer and is it working?
- EXERCISE:** Are you getting outside every day? What are you doing while you're outside?
- Did you do your schoolwork yesterday? Today? What is something you learned?
- What have you watched on TV?
- Have you read any books? Have you played any games?
- Have you had any visits with your parents? *(If applicable)*
- Have you seen any of your friends? Any of your neighbors?
- Have you gone anywhere?

Three Houses Style of Gathering Information:

- HOUSE OF GOOD THINGS:** What are some good things going on right now?
- HOUSE OF SCARY THINGS:** What are some things you're scared of?
- HOUSE OF HOPES:** What are some things you're hoping for in the future?

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ADVOCATE CHECK-IN WITH CAREGIVERS:

- FOOD:** Do you have the food you need? Are you aware/utilizing the free breakfast and lunch programs that the schools are providing?
- MEDICATION:** Do you have the medications you need for the child?
- SCHOOL:** Do you have the the school supplies you need? This may include paper, pencils, markers, laptop/tablet, and internet (and does it work?)
- Is anyone in the household ill? Is anyone ill that the family has had contact with?
- How are you (the caregiver) dealing with stress and/or the unknown?

ADVOCATE CHECK-IN WITH BIO PARENTS (IF ALLOWED):

- Are you working?
- Are you well? Are you ill?
- Do you have access to your medications?
- Have you had a visit or contact with your child(ren)?
- Have you changed residences?
- Do you still have access to your therapist?
- How are you coping with stress and/or the unknown?

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