

**CLINTON COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
POLICY ON FAMILY FOSTER HOMES WITH
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs)**

Clinton County Job and Family Services has developed and updated the policy regarding the use of all-terrain vehicles (3 and 4 wheelers) by foster children residing in licensed foster homes. As children in the care and custody of Clinton County Job and Family Services become the agency's responsibility, it is important for foster families who care for these children to take notice to the following guidelines regarding children's use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs.)

In order to **ride** on an all-terrain vehicle, a foster child must:

1. Wear a safety helmet at all times;
2. Have his or her foster parent as the driver of the all-terrain vehicle (ATV.) Foster children are **not** permitted to drive or operate the ATV and may only **ride** as a passenger with their foster parent.
3. Have a permission slip signed by the foster child's birth parent authorizing their son or daughter to ride on the ATV with his or her foster parent. If you do not have a working relationship with the child's birth parent, you may need a caseworker to assist you in obtaining a signed permission slip.

Signed permission slips must be turned into the agency for placement in the child's file **before** he or she is to begin riding the ATV as suggested.

Failure to abide by the stipulations outlined above may result in your foster child(ren) losing the privilege to continue riding ATVs while in your care. It also may cause the agency to rescind permission for any foster children to ride ATVs in the future. The agency shall hold you responsible for any injuries your foster child incurs while riding an ATV and when you are not enforcing the rules for doing so as outlined.

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