

Glossary for RAFT Session 4 Courses

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HOW TO USE THIS GLOSSARY

This glossary explains words and terms you may see in the RAFT Session 4 courses.

Words are listed in alphabetical order (A-Z). If you see a word you don’t know, look it up by the first letter of the word

Each word has a short, simple definition. Some definitions may include examples to help with understanding.

If a definition includes another bolded word, you can look up that word in the glossary too.

You can use this glossary anytime while you are learning. It’s here to help you better understand the RAFT content.

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All About Me Books

Are done every six months a child is in foster care. They are created by the child with support from their resource parent and caseworker. All About Me Books anchor children in the present to help them deal with the past and move on to a bright future.

Comfort Calls

Are an initial call after a child is placed into foster care made by a resource parent or agency representative to a child's parent or caregiver. The purpose of this call is to assure the parents or caregivers of the child's safety and help decrease anxiety for the child and caregiver.

Divided Loyalties

Are when the child feels they have to choose between their family and the resource or adoptive family.

Family Time

Is the face-to-face contact between a child and their parents, siblings or other family members.

Icebreaker Meeting

Is a facilitated conversation between a child's parents and the resource Parents. The caseworker or Family Time Coordinator typically facilitate icebreaker meetings, which occur as soon as possible after the transition.

Life Story Books

Are typically used in adoption. It is a book created for the child with pictures, important papers and other items that a child can view over and over again to help them understand their past and sort out feelings about all of the changes in their life.

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Mediation

Is the process where birth parents, adoptive parents and guardians, with the help of a neutral mediator, establish a Post-Adoption Contact Agreement (PACA)

Off Referral

Means ODHS will not call about other placements, to give you time to grieve the loss. Talk to your certifier to make this request.

Placement Disruptions

Are moves that are NOT required to happen. Placement disruptions occur when resource or adoptive parents feel unable to meet the needs of the child in their home.

Self-Identity

Is the way a person thinks of oneself, such as their personality, skills and abilities, physical features and beliefs.