Family Respite Program Boundary Guidelines

• Facebook and other social media communication: This should occur only with the consent of both parties. Friending, following, posting and tagging pictures should only be engaged in with the approval of both the family and the provider.
• Pictures should not be taken, shared or displayed without permission of both parties.
• Family members and providers only share personal information that is directly related to the delivery of respite services.
• Family members only grant access to their home for specific respite episodes and do not provide keys to respite providers.
• Respite providers limit the purchasing of gifts for the children they serve only to special occasions or events and with prior approval from the parent(s)/guardian.
• Respite providers who nominate families for programs like the Christmas Angel program are to have no further involvement in the outcomes of such nomination.
• Respite providers are not to fundraise or directly secure donations on behalf of the families to which they provide services.
• Families and providers are not to solicit one another to purchase goods or services that they are selling.
• It is not appropriate to express concerns about the families parenting style or approach. If a provider suspects child abuse they are legally mandated to take immediate action and report their concerns to the child abuse hotline. It is not appropriate to threaten families that you may report them.
• Respite is not a clinical service, therefore, it is considered a boundary violation to provide clinical consultations or assessment of the child or parent enrolled in the respite program.